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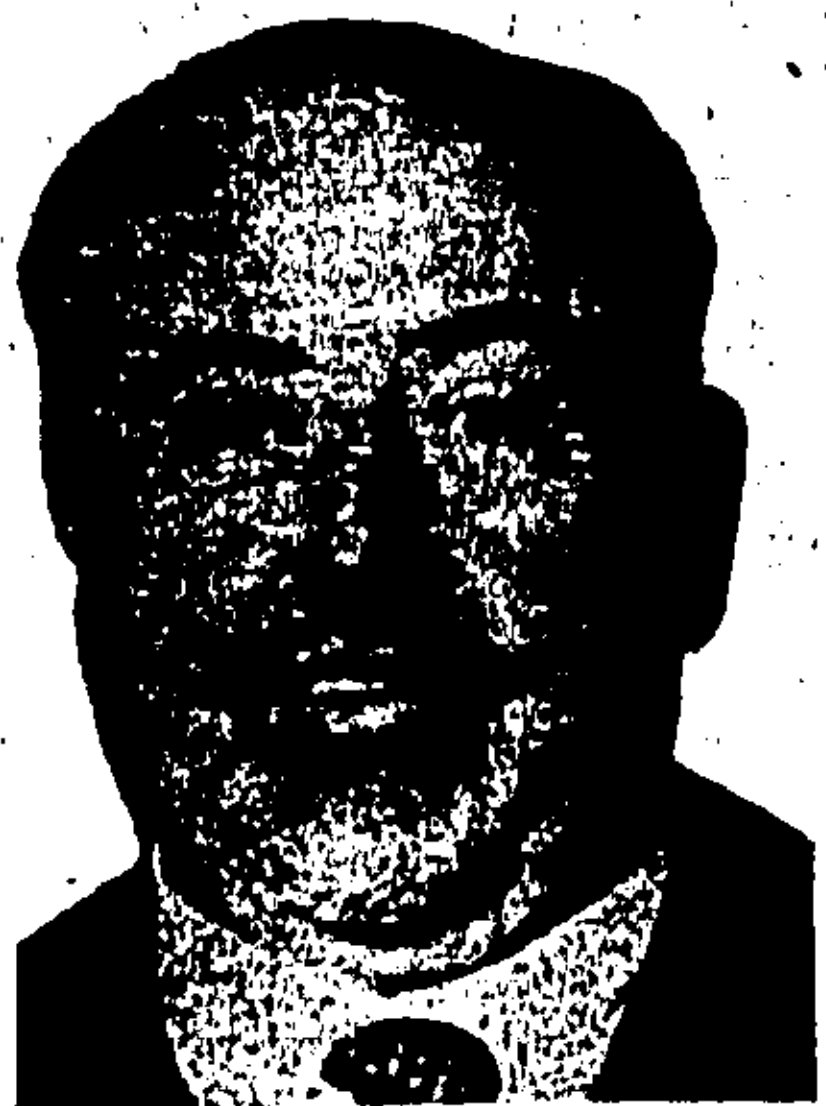
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HONG KONG.

CHURCHILL CONDEMNS PREMIER'S DISARMAMENT MEMORANDUM



Don Santiago Alba, who was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies in Spain, last December.—(S. & G.)

INTERMEDIATE CREDIT BANK

One In Each Federal Reserve District.

EMPLOYMENT FOR 1,000,000

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891, Received March 14, 7:01 p.m.)

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt yesterday held a conference with the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, and the Federal Reserve Bank Governor, Mr. Eugene Black, on industrial credit plans.

Mr. Black said that plans were most bright to establish an intermediate credit bank in each Federal Reserve district, to extend long term loans, to permit industry, to replace worn out equipment and to resume operations on a larger scale.

It was estimated that nearly 1,000,000 could be given jobs under the programme.

It was emphasised that attempts to expand credit through established banks had failed.

The Administration has decided that the best way to help industry was to provide Government loans.

The plan considered credit inflation, which was somewhat offset by the deflationary effect of the stock-market communications and the tariff bills.—Reuter.

U.S. FEDERAL RELIEF EXPENDITURE.

Must Be Curtailed To Keep Budget Balanced.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891, Received March 15, 8:48 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Senator Millard Tydings has issued a warning that Federal relief expenditures must be curtailed sharply before next winter in order to keep the Budget balanced.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

ROOSEVELT AND BONUS BILL.

Re-Affirms Opposition

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

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Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt has re-affirmed his opposition to the Veterans' Bonus Bill. He states that it opens the way to printing press inflation and unrestricted payments to other classes.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

The Bill provides for the payment of \$1,200,000,000 in premiums to 5,000,000 veterans.

"WE ARE DELUDING OURSELVES"

FRANCE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT SCHEME

EDEN'S EFFORTS OUT-OF-DATE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY EDEN'S STATEMENT, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, YESTERDAY, REGARDING HIS TOUR OF PARIS, BERLIN AND ROME, TO DISCUSS THE BRITISH MEMORANDUM ON DISARMAMENT, WAS FOLLOWED BY A FULL DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WAS OPENED BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

"We are deluding ourselves," he said, "if we imagine Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's scheme is going to be accepted. In my opinion, the whole danger of our present foreign policy is that we are asking the French to weaken themselves."

Mr. Churchill scouted the possibility of building up an international armed force under the League of Nations, but thought that national forces might be united through particular causes, and thus give the world security.

THE LABOUR MEMBERS, COL. J. C. WEDGWOOD, APPLAUDING THE EXCELLENCE OF CAPTAIN EDEN'S INTENTIONS, THOUGHT THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE SLIGHTLY OUT-OF-DATE IN VIEW OF THE GERMAN EXPANSIONIST AIMS.

DISARMAMENT SITUATION

French Reply May Prolong Action.

SECURITY AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL SOUGHT

Paris, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated that the French reply to the British Disarmament memorandum, which will probably be forwarded at the end of next week, will be so drafted as not to close the door of settlement.

It is understood that it will confirm with the general conditions laid down in a letter from the French Foreign Minister, M. Barthou, to Mr. Arthur Henderson, President of the Disarmament Conference, on February 10.

France is sincerely anxious that the Disarmament discussions will not end abortively, and hopes that the note will really facilitate an ultimate agreement.

France, however, is of the opinion that everything depends on British comprehension of France's minimum needs, namely security and effective armament control.—Reuter.

THE ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY.

Senate Refuses To Ratify Canadian Treaty.

REBUFF FOR ROOSEVELT.

Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate, by 46 votes to 42, has refused to ratify the treaty with Canada, providing for the construction of the St. Lawrence Waterway at a cost of U.S.\$200,000,000.

This is a rebuff to President Roosevelt, who has twice previously urged the ratification. He now declares that the waterway will be built anyway, but fears that the Senate's action may result in its being entirely Canadian-controlled.

The treaty, which was concluded in 1922, after protracted negotiations, provides for the construction of a canal and locks between Lake Ontario and Lake St. Lawrence, and for the improvement of the St. Lawrence River.

The Liberal leader Sir Herbert Samuel, said that the revival of German militarism placed Europe in a terrible dilemma, namely, to acquiesce in its growth until a terrible world catastrophe resulted, or to check it by refusing a great country an equality status.

SPEED ESSENTIAL

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, winding up his speech, said that it was a hundred times better to get an imperfect agreement than none at all.

Regarding Mr. Stanley Baldwin's suggestion to get a limited convention, like an air agreement, if the broader negotiations failed, Sir John Simon asserted that if such a position arose, Britain would not allow protracted discussions.

It was essential to act quickly, because time was running against the friends of Disarmament.

"If our hopes of better things disappear, we must face the consequences and prepare for action, if necessary, immediately.

The House of Commons agreed to vote on that account.—Reuter.

CAPT. EDEN REVIEWS THE PROSPECTS

Nations Lack Confidence In One Another.

NOT A HOPELESS TASK

London, To-day.

Disarmament prospects were reviewed by the Lord Privy Seal, Captain Anthony Eden, during a debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

Before examining the European situation, Mr. Eden stated that it was difficult to see how the nations could be brought to a state of mind in which they would be prepared to accept a disarmament scheme.

Only a few days ago, President Roosevelt had issued a statement that the United States would not accept a disarmament scheme unless it was based on the principle of equality of armaments.

MUSSOLINI MAKES TWO FREE ZONE OFFERS

Austrian-Hungary Discussions.

COMPETITION WITH GERMAN RAILWAY LINE

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Rome, To-day. It is learned that Signor Mussolini, in conferences with Dr. Dollfus and General Gombos, which began on Tuesday, has offered to grant a free zone at Trieste to Austria and a free zone at Fiume to Hungary.

He hopes thereby to restore the traffic of the two ports.

It is also expected that an offer of preferential rates on the railroad between Trieste and the Austrian frontier, in order to compete successfully with the German line from Hamburg to Vienna, will be made.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

"LINDY" INVITED TO TESTIFY.

American Air Mail Contracts.

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Washington, To-day. The United States Senate Post Office Committee has invited Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and Messrs. Chamberlin, Mitchell and Rickenbacker to testify concerning legislation for the return of American air mail contracts to private contractors.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

SHIPPING MERGER HITCH.

White Star Line Seek Injunction.

RIGHTS OF STOCKHOLDERS CLAIMED VIOLATED.

London, To-day.

When the North Atlantic Shipping Bill, to facilitate the Cunard-White Star merger, was considered in the Committee Stage by the House of Commons yesterday, the Liberal member for Birkenhead, Mr. E. Graham White, called attention to a report from New York to the effect that the White Star Line are seeking an injunction to prevent further progress being made in the merger.

L.M.M. HOLD ALL OCEANIC SHARES.

President's Revelation.

New York, To-day.

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the International Mercantile Marine, has announced that the Company's directors have been instructed to seek an injunction to restrain the Cunard, Oceanic and other companies from proceeding with the Cunard-White Star merger.



Micro-ray links England and France. At Lymington, Kent, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under Secretary for Air, officially opened the world's first commercial Micro-Ray Radio Service between the Civil Airports at Lymington (England) and St. Inglevert (France). The picture shows visitors listening in to complimentary messages exchanged between Sir Philip Sassoon at Lymington and Mr. Delevalle the French Under Secretary at St. Inglevert, France.

MUNITION-RUNNING IN EUROPE

Italy Alleged Supplying Hungary.

LITTLE ENTENTE APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE

London, To-day.

Intense excitement exists in the Danubian countries over the reported transportation of arms from Italy to Hungary, and it recalls the perturbation which was occasioned throughout Europe by a similar affair at Hirtzenberg, last year.

A Vienna message states that the reports are vehemently denied officially, but circumstantial stories persist, alleging that two heavily-laden armament trains traversed Austria on March 8 and March 9, and reached Hungary.

Belgrade reports declare that the newspapers claim to have definite proof of munition-running, and declare that it bodes ill for the Italian invitations to the Little Entente to participate in the economic co-operation.

It is stated that an appeal is being made to the League of Nations to control Austrian and Hungarian armaments.—Reuter.

BASELESS RUMOURS

Object For Hindering Rome Conference.

Budapest, To-day.

It is officially stated that the rumours of the alleged supplies of arms to Hungary are baseless.

The press declare that they emanate from Little Entente quarters, with the object of hindering the Rome negotiations.—Reuter.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CAR INDUSTRY.

Reduction In Hours And Wages Increase.

BEFORE END OF MONTH

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London, To-day. The Director of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the automobile industry should consider a reduction in hours and wages increase.

AUSTRIAN ITALIAN TALKS SATISFACTORY

Mussolini To Take More Machinery.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Rome, To-day.

Pending their first meeting this afternoon, the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Engelbert Dollfus, and the Hungarian Premier, General Gombos, yesterday had a busy day at conferences and meetings, the most important of which was the meeting between Signor Mussolini and Dr. Dollfus at the Palazzo Venezia, in the morning, when they discussed the tariff preferences and quotas between the two countries, and the facilities to be given to Austria and Hungary at Trieste and Fiume.

It is understood that Italy is willing to take more Austrian machinery and industrial products, and Austria is willing to take more Italian agricultural products, especially, wine, but not grain, which she will take from Hungary.

General Gombos had a long talk with Dr. Dollfus yesterday morning, and afterwards saw the German Ambassador.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARY TALK

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REVISION OF TREATIES

His Holiness the Pope, gave an audience to Dr. Dollfus yesterday evening, and it is understood that His Holiness was most interested in Dr. Dollfus' report of the situation in Austria.

Contrary to German reports, it is learned that the revision of treaties has not been discussed and will not be discussed at to-day's meeting.

Dr. Dollfus stated to the press that a joint plan was being evolved which would be announced before Easter.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S TRADE POLICY.

Home Market To Be Safeguarded.

IMPORT LICENSES

Brussels, To-day.

Having failed in the efforts to induce other countries of lower tariff barriers, Belgium has decided, henceforth, to pursue a firm policy to safeguard her home market against abnormal competition, due to subsidies and export exchanges, declared the Minister, M. Paul Hymans, in the Senate yesterday.

Belgium yesterday refused to accept a disarmament scheme unless it was based on the principle of equality of armaments.

The convention concluded in 1922, after protracted negotiations, provides for the construction of a canal and locks between Lake Ontario and Lake St. Lawrence, and for the improvement of the St. Lawrence River.

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS PORT OF SAN SALVADOR

100 Killed And Many Injured As Result Of Cellar Accident.

San Salvador, To-day.

One hundred have been killed and many are injured as the result of an explosion of 250 boxes of dynamite in a cellar here.

Most of the buildings in the port are wrecked.—Reuter.

250 KILLED AND 1,000 INJURED

4 Blocks Of Buildings Destroyed.

POPULATION FLEE

San Salvador, To-day.

Over 250 people were killed and at least 1,000 injured in the explosion here yesterday.

Fire destroyed four blocks of buildings including the City Hall, and a church. Hundred of workers' houses were burned out. Most of the population have fled to the open country.

It is believed that the explosion was due to the sudden halting of a goods train, in which seven tons of dynamite, near an explosive ware-house.—Reuter.

SVALE STILL ON THE ROCKS.

Kamo's Arrival On Scene To-morrow.

CALMER SEAS EXPERIENCED

The "Svale", which came to grief on Breakwater Rock near the mouth of the Poochow River on Monday, is still fast on the rocks, and the Chinese Revenue boat, the "Ping-ching", which took the passengers off on Monday, is standing by to keep off any pirates who may attempt to loot the stricken vessel.

The owners told the China Mail this afternoon that the salvage ship "Kamo" is expected to arrive at the scene of the wreck at daylight to-morrow, and not until then will they have any definite knowledge as to prospects of salvaging the "Svale".

The vessel round the stricken ship has moderated considerably, and she has not started to break up.

WEATHER FORECAST
Moderate north wind, with occasional drizzle, light rain, probably heavier, for the night. A strong breeze, with heavy rain, is expected for the morning.

THE ANNUAL FRENCH TRADE TALKS

Will Resume To-day

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The WOMAN'S Page



Capes Collars And Sleeves

New Capes Play Big Part In Paris Modes.

There is a lot of fuss about necks, shoulders, and sleeves. The hood line is popular, so is the cowl neck, and there is a new and mighty collar which is slung about the neck to change low at the back, you may have it in fur, in rushed and shirred velvet, in feathers, and in rushed ribbon.

Then there is the cape. What can be done and is done with the cape passes all imagination. You can have it drawn tightly about the shoulders in that pinched way that suggests a narrow mind and a temper which gives way before difficulty. You can have it all wide and ruffy with feather trimmings, muslin, or ribbon ruffles, and not too low on the arms. You can slit it at the back, or you can hang it straight from the shoulders so that it can be a cape at the back or a drapery in front.

Then there is the long cape which Maggy Rouff makes in wool for the day, and in velvet, satin or fur for the evening. And there is also the wide, hip-length cape in velvet with a fur band which dips at the back and rises in front. Black velvet capes are lined with white or with colour, always the lining is different from the cape. Mainbecher is making tweed capes to go on coats and skirts some to take off, while others just trim the shoulders. There is a lot to be said about capes this year.



COMPLEXIONS TO SUIT BABY BONNETS

More Hand-Packs Are Coming.

Special "perambulator" complexioners are being prepared for the spring bonnets and baby-boy's caps.

Even if hats have become different again by then, when will like the new make-up, which gives the face a milk and roses colour, like that of an old-fashioned debutante's.

More hand-packs are coming. There is a new one which makes the hand look fragile—the skin is bleached white almost to transparency.

This pack is called "The Invalid."

BIRD AND FISH LINES FOR EVENING WEAR.

Wind Swept Lines For Daytime.

This is the rest of the fashion news—as it was last week in Paris. Fish and bird silhouettes for evening. Slim silk dresses with a strange back trimming like a hen's tail.

The mannequin showed how it could be swept aside for sitting down.

These frocks were worn with sparkling capes of silver-painted cigarette feathers and silk jackets quilted in a pattern like fish scales.

Day dresses and coats had frills, wind-swept lines quite different to the slinky evening ones.

"Coats tapered into a 'typhoon' swirl. Plaids and stripes had a crazy design, as though a playful wind had blown the lines about on the fabric.

ROUGHED BARE HEELS

Beachcombing shoes have been so successful that they are to be seen accompanied by bare feet with roughed heels.

Daintier Nighties

New Slender Lines For Night Wear.

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN VELVET PYJAMAS

Paris. We do a lot of talking about fashions for morning, noon and night, parties of all sorts and sizes, but only at rare intervals do we remember another occasion for smartness though we have no audience for it, or at least if an audience a very, very limited one! We refer specifically to bedtime costumes—nightgowns and pajamas.

It's a far very from flannel wrappers of "other days" to flimsy finery or "our times." Instead of being shaped like a gunysack, sleeping outfits of the "now" are molded as smoothly to the body as skin itself. No copious folds of flannel to wrap the feet in, no woolen bedsocks or mittens, or night-caps. All is chiffon and silk, satin or velvet these days, regardless of the rise or fall of the mercury. Houses are heated now and bed-covers, warm as toast, weigh only a few ounces instead of pounds.

Like top cloths, nightgowns and pajamas favour slender princess line. A two-piece nightie is even popular and is made like the new evening gowns, backless and high in the front, with a little lace bodice to accompany. It is blue crepe de Chine trimmed with lace ruffles of the same shade.

Russia creeps in to influence the sleeper with a pajama of orange velvet, and a black velvet mermaid gown trimmed with pink ostrich feathers is the Molyneux conception of smartness for secluded audience.

THE NEW JEWELLERY

Pearls In Fashion Again.

Jewellery has been slimming. It has shrunk from the barbaric to the Victorian, and pearls are used again.

For sports and day wear there are narrow bangles of painted leather embroidered with a gold thread, and a pair of bracelets for (Continued at Foot of Next Column)

Vernal Grace



For spring, the new dress is a long, dark dress with a high collar and a wide band. It is a simple, elegant design that is perfect for the season.



Paris Fashions Influences

Effect Of British Film Modes.

NOT A PASSING PHASE

For the first time in dress history a British film has influenced Parisian fashions. And the effect has come to stay!

Not so much in the silhouette but in details of sleeve interest, finish and jewellery.

More Graceful

The slightly clumsy padded sleeves worn by the men in the film are translated by the dress-makers, in the spring and summer collections, into a graceful sleeve with fullness between the wrist and upper arm. Occasionally one sees a sleeve completely gauged—on a dinner frock, for instance—or a dressy coat sleeve will be semi-fitting to the elbow and there fall into a loop of the material.

The collarless coat-lines and fronts finished by a thick padded roll, with a matching belt, the ruffs and gumpes worn, are all adapted from the dresses we saw in this film. Even the variations of the fitting collar are reminiscent of them. So you see it is not just a passing phase.

Skirts Are Slim

From there we go to the Regency or Directoire fashions now showing in Paris. The stand-up revers which adorn some of the jackets, the important jabots and gossamer-like blouses, we shall wear this spring, are inspired by this epoch. They came in again in the Edwardian years, so you will be able to see what they look like in your family photograph books.

There is the same moulded waist although not so exaggerated, of course. But our skirts this year are slim and comparatively straight with, in some cases the fullness introduced at the back just above the knee in the form of

evening are of steel-pearl-shaped like cuffs.

Gold jewellery has quite replaced any other kind except diamonds. Heavy gold chains, as well as necklaces, are frequently to be seen in the window displays of the big Parisian stores.

A very popular make-up is that of the "pale" or "pale" look, which is achieved by using a light-colored powder and a light-colored lipstick.

a flared panel or pleats. The Directoire idea appears at Worth's in the form of gowns which although they have only a suggestion of a higher waist-line, have the trailing skirt of the period doubly flounced at the hem. Side by side with this skirt, however, there is the straight, slim type which Jean Patou shows. This is rounded at each side seam, and usually slit up there a little. Even his day skirts have a modified form of this hem line.

A basque on some of the evening gowns gives a silhouette which we have not seen for some time.

Day Suits

Day suits seen in the collections comprise frocks or skirts with full-length coats, three-quarter loose jackets, fitted jackets with or without flared basque, and loose, straight coats with no fastenings and often with pipings or quiltings as a trimming.

Blouses are made like severe little waistcoats, perhaps with some looseness about the bust; in the approved tuck-in fashion, with elaborate jabot effects down the front; or even occasionally on jumper lines.

Two-piece frocks are shown in nearly all the houses. White pique bows, cravats, neckbands with dependent tabs or vests—all are stiff and starched, and often they seem to be worn the wrong way round, so that the mannequin is wearing her "bib" down her back.

Quite apart from the fin-like trimming on the back of light, slim evening skirts, and the way she concentrates interest in the back, Schiaparelli's collection is interesting for the materials she uses.

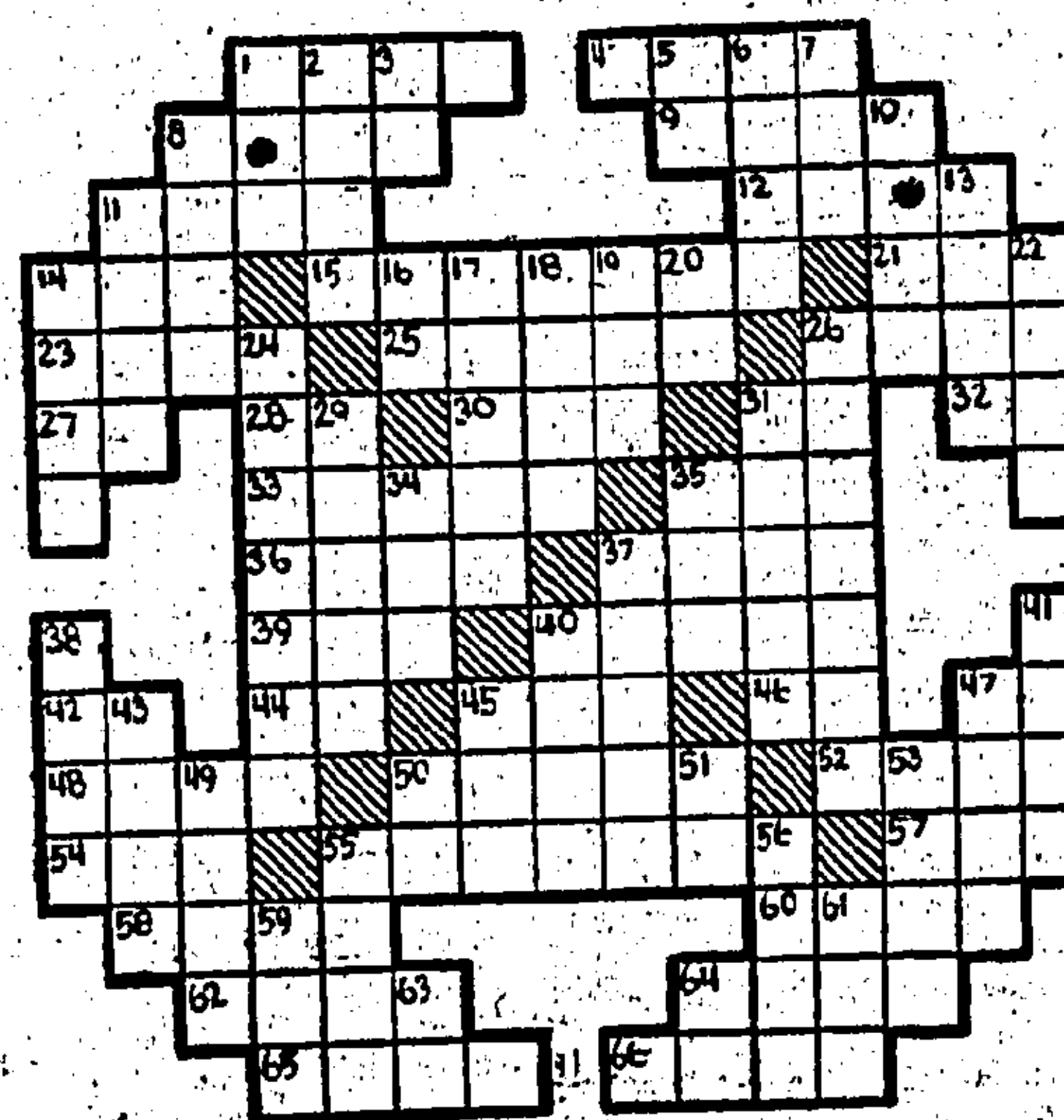


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for unusual phrases, spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Pain
- 4-Coagulate
- 8-Part for one
- 9-Once more
- 11-Constructed
- 12-Sail with wax
- 14-Obscure
- 15-Perfume
- 21-Noah's ship
- 23-A beverage (pl.)
- 24-A series of steps
- 25-Trial
- 27-Pronoun
- 28-Proposition
- 30-A serpent
- 31-A country of Europe (abbr.)
- 32-Nickel (abbr.)
- 33-Arabia (Poet.)
- 35-Bird
- 36-An alcoholic beverage (pl.)
- 37-Girl's name
- 39-Obtained
- 40-One who ventures
- 42-Hear
- 44-Half an em
- 45-A rodent
- 46-Point of compass (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-Father (short)
- 48-Howl
- 50-Dish of green herbs
- 52-Darling
- 54-Summit
- 55-Matured
- 57-Expire
- 58-Web-like member
- 59-Long grass stem
- 62-Rescue
- 64-Shortly
- 65-Recline
- 66-Sops

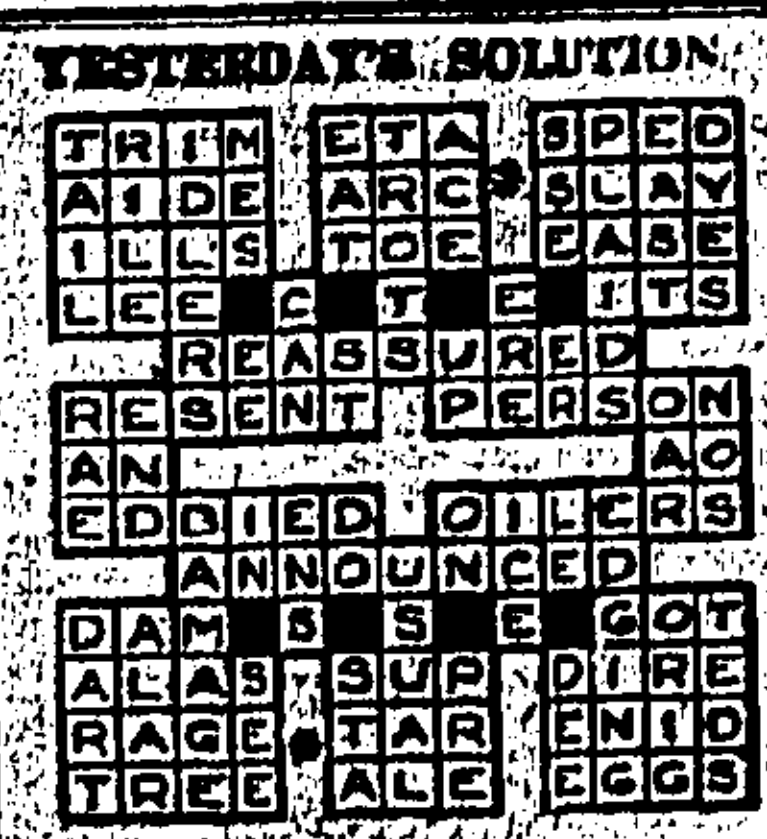
VERTICAL

- 1-Seed covering
- 2-To the sheltered side
- 3-Negative
- 5-Musical note
- 6-One time
- 7-Golf mound
- 8-Identical
- 10-An article of dress
- 11-A measure of length
- 13-Ireland (Poet.)
- 14-Restrains
- 16-Secretary of State (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Plagues
- 18-Not difficult
- 19-Pinch
- 20-Cradle (abbr.)
- 22-Unit firmly
- 24-Reel
- 25-Pierced
- 26-A constellation
- 31-Fathers
- 34-Insect
- 35-Sailor
- 37-Chief of evil spirits
- 38-Sour
- 40-A small valley
- 41-Remove the skin
- 42-To sound a horn
- 44-Knock
- 47-Remunerated
- 49-imitation
- 50-Musical note
- 51-Prefix. From
- 53-Paradise
- 55-Heaps
- 56-Let fall
- 58-Etruscan household
- 60-god
- 61-Greek goddess of the dawn
- 63-Plural suffix
- 64-Verly

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



The Four Gore Plan.

Starts may be set at an inch or so longer with straight lines maintained even though pleats and kilts are due for a "come back". The new materials, however, insist upon this tendency, as well as the four-gore plan that gives a lovely fabric from savings. This is an obvious reduction in waste, because a skirt cut back for first

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 26th March, 1934, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to 26th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1934.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1934, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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The H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1934.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th March to the 21st day of March 1934, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb. 1934.

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Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

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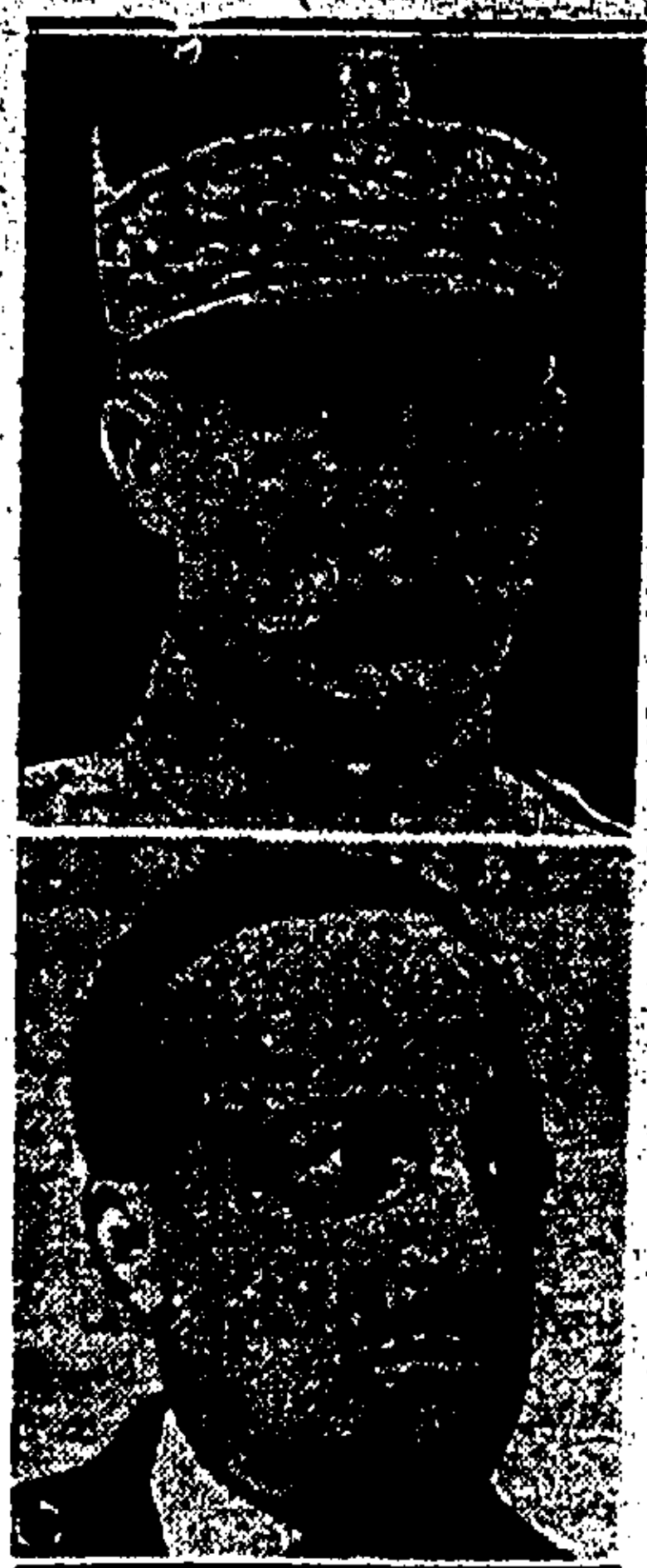
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Two members of the New French cabinet chosen by Premier Gaston Doumergue in his successful attempt to soothe the turbulent republic. At top, Marshal Henri Petain, hero of the World War, who is Minister of War, and M. Andre Tardieu (below), who holds position of Minister of State without portfolio.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Chinese Studio Concert To-night.

5-8 p.m.—European programme.
5-6 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

6-6.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
Children's Concert.
6.50-7 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.
7.30-8 p.m.—Recorded programme.
7-7.35 p.m.—Light Opera.

Selection—
Merry Widow (Lehar)
Marek Weber & His Orch.

Vocal Gems—
Ruddigore (Gilbert & Sullivan)
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Gelska (Sidney Jones)
Marek Weber & His Orch.

Vocal Gems—
Merrie England (Hood & German)
Miriam Licette, Clara Serena,
Francis Russell, Dennis Noble,
Robert Carr, & Chorus.

7.35-8 p.m.—Instrumental.
Octet—Operatic (arr. Squire)
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Pianoforte Solo—
Waldesrauschen (Liszt)
(a) Waltz in D Flat, Op. 44, No. 1
(Chopin)
(b) Etude in C Major, Op. 10, No. 7
(Chopin)

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.10-8.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

8.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.45 p.m.—Close Down.

N.B.:—From 8.30-10 p.m. "Z.E.K. Hong Kong" will broadcast a programme of European music on 640 K.C.'s.

All relays of Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras in the above programmes are by courtesy of the Management and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.

European Programme from Z.E.K. on 640 K.C.'s.
8.50-9.30 p.m.—A R.E.C. Recorded Programme.

"POSTMAN'S KNOCK"
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BRIDGE NOTES

Making Up For Your Mistakes.

by Ely Culbertson.

Even the experts are not perfect. Quite frequently in their striving for maximum results, they arrive at distinctly bad contracts. On the hand below, played in the recent Individual Masters' Tournament, Messrs. Oswald Jacoby and Howard Schenken, playing at different tables, in an effort to score as many points as possible arrived at six notrump. A glance at the two hands will show that six hearts is an absolute lay-down, and this contract should and can be reached by simple Approach bidding.

North, Dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH:
S.—10 4
H.—Q J 7 5
D.—K J 9 7
C.—K 6 2

WEST:
S.—9 4 5
H.—4 3 2
D.—5 4
C.—J 7 5 4 3

SOUTH:
S.—K Q 7 2
H.—A K 10 6
D.—A 10
C.—A Q 8

EAST:
S.—A J 8 3
H.—9 8
D.—Q 8 6 3 2
C.—10 9

I will not give the bidding at either table, as it was distinctly bad in both instances. At one table Mr. Jacoby, sitting North, was the final Declarer at six notrump, and at the other Mr. Schenken, sitting South, was Declarer. Both made their contracts by very fine play, and tied for top score on the board.

Mr. Jacoby, sitting North, received the Ten of clubs Opening, which he won in Dummy, and proceeded to play three rounds of hearts, ending in his own hand. On the third heart he got a low diamond discard from East, and, knowing the East player very well, immediately marked him with the Queen of diamonds. Therefore he now led a low card of that suit, finessing the Ten-spot in Dummy. This held, but Mr. Jacoby now saw that he did not have two more safe cards of re-entry to lead twice up the King and Queen of spades and at the same time cash the third diamond in his hand. He returned to his hand with another heart and led a low spade. East quite properly playing small. The Ace of diamonds was now played, followed by two rounds of clubs, ending in the North hand. East had to discard on the third club, and was forced to blank either his Ace of spades or his Queen of diamonds. He chose to throw a low spade, and Mr. Jacoby then led a spade. East was forced to win and lead a diamond up to Mr. Jacoby's tenace.

Mr. Schenken, sitting South, also fulfilled his contract, but by a different line of play. Instead of guessing the diamond finesse and following with the end play as Mr. Jacoby did, he found a very fine squeeze on the East hand. He, like Mr. Jacoby, also received a club opening, which he won in his own hand, and, getting to Dummy with the Queen of hearts, immediately led a spade. East quite properly ducked this lead, the Queen winning. Three more rounds of hearts were followed by another spade lead up to the King, and this time East won with the Ace, returning the Knave of that suit. Three rounds of clubs gave East the usual difficulties. He had to keep the spade and had to keep two guards for his Queen of diamonds. Rather than give up immediately he threw another low diamond, leading to give Declarer the game. Mr. Schenken, however, had a perfect point on the hand for this time and went up with his King of diamonds on the third club, winning the last trick with the Queen.

It is not necessary to say that in both instances the play was very fine, and that the players are to be commended for their skill and judgment. The only point to be noted is that in both cases the contracts were reached by simple Approach bidding, and that the players who made these contracts were very fortunate to do so.

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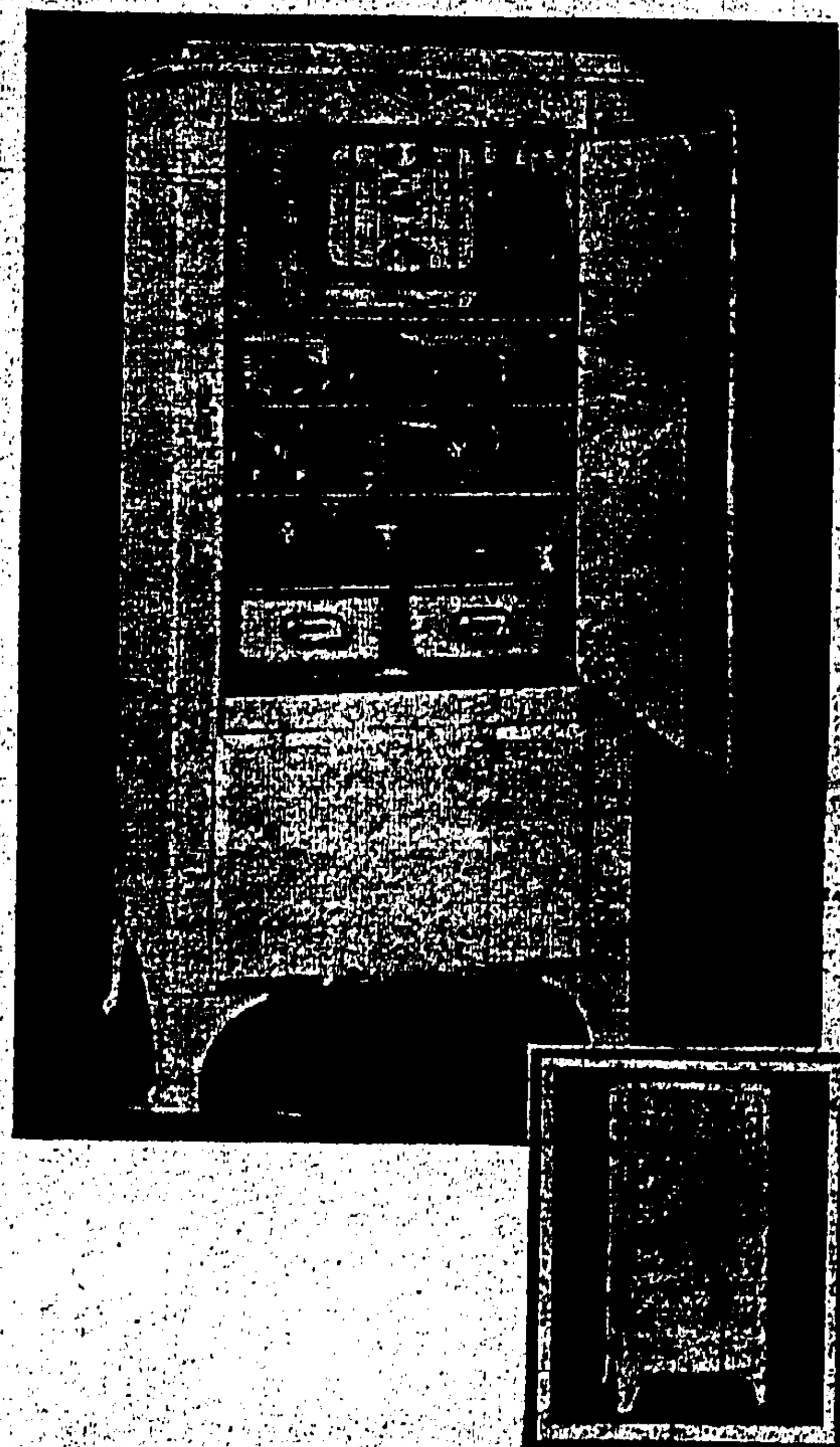
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Opinions are divided as to which artist gives the best performance. Marie Dressler, as the ex-queen of musical comedy is delightful—as always, but is hardly suited physically and temperamentally to the role of the woman with a naughty past whose sex-appeal had a world of men at her feet. John Barrymore as the one-time movie idol is inclined to overact, but, personally, I think his part calls for just such an interpretation as he gives it. Brother Lionel as the shipping magnate has little chance to shine. It is the way with most of the parts, and when you leave the theatre you find that the group of stars impressed you more than the parts they played.

The Tough Wife.

Most of the critics favour Jean Harlow as the gaudy "tough" wife of the self-made financier—she turns in a superb performance—and Wallace Beery also gives a fine characterization. Billie Burke considerably improves on other performances she has given us. ("Bill of Divorcement" for instance) and as the fussy, stupid, society woman who is responsible for the Dinner Party, does remarkably well in an exciting role. Karen Morley gives us about three minutes of fine acting—as the wife of the handsome Doctor (Edmund Lowe). Lee Tracy is the Agent, and is always perfectly natural.

Such fine artists as Madge Evans, Phillips Holmes, May Robson, the late Louise Closser Hale, Grant Mitchell, Jean Hersholt and Edwin Maxwell handle their small parts with skill and assurance.

Into this unusual film the authors have crowded a suicide, a bedroom flirtation, illness, business and a shattered love affair. The brilliant cast has never been equalled in one picture.

It even outshines its famous predecessor—"Grand Hotel", and should prove to be as great a box-office attraction. Highest recommendations. (Queens).

"Olsen's Big Moment" gives two comedians innumerable chances. El Brendel and Walter Catlett as janitor and society man hand out the laughs while Barbara Weeks and Susan Fleming add to the enjoyment. El Brendel is a big favourite here, so I expect this will prove an attraction.

This will be followed by Will Rogers in "Dr. Bull". A pleasing picture for the Rogers "Fans". The story of a small-town doctor is ideally suited to the "Honey" brand of the star's humour. Vera Allen (a new name) plays his childhood sweetheart. With Marian Nixon and Howard Lally as the young lovers, Louise Dresser, Rochelle Hudson and others have not much to do.

"Hoopla" The Famous "IT" Girl, Clara Bow, follows in "Hoopla". She saw young Doug Fairbanks, Dorothy Mackall and the life million hits in this, when it was

part talkie—as "The Barker". Clara wriggles and vamps as the Carnival dancer, while Richard Cromwell, son of the Barker—(Preston Foster), does a good deal with a part that does not give him acting a chance. I wonder why Foster was chosen for the father—make-up takes away from the reality—and he is too young for the part. Minna Gombell is the discarded sweetie.

Much footage is devoted to Clara Bow—the others don't seem to matter. I can't report that Clara has a winner yet—but I still count myself as one of her greatest admirers. These Fox attractions all due at the King's for THREE performances daily from Saturday, 17th.

Touring Players.

The 9.30 show is occupied by the Grant-Anderson Comedy Company—WHAT a treat in store of lovers of the REAL thing—not the canned variety. Grant Anderson was much liked here when he played the Cockney soldier in Bobby Salisbury's Company, which presented "Journey's End"—and for the last few years he has been coaching Indian students in Shakespeare, and founded the Indian National Theatre where he teaches, stages and produces many successes.

Miss Lena Anderson, his sister, has played principal roles in London plays, and has recently finished acting on Broadway.

Others in the company are Mr. Mac Mills, Reginald Blackburn, Peggy Walker, Nell Vivian and Madge Jeffery.

The opening play "While

trees) kills her lover when he threatens to disclose it. He takes the blame, and the ending is morbid, but out of the ordinary and unexpected. NOT for children.

Bed Time Story.

Maurice Chevalier and Baby Le Roy in "Bedtime Story" is so human, so different from anything Chevalier has given us.

Baby Le Roy is an amazing infant, whose naturalness disarms all suspicions that he is acting. Here the Director has to receive the bouquets, as he makes the adorable baby give a performance, at least that is what it seems like. Edward Everett Horton as the Butler is inimitable, and the scenes between these three are superb. Chevalier sings four songs as charmingly as he knows how—Helen Twelvrees is the Nurse, but the Baby, Chevalier and Horton take the show upon their shoulders. Strongly Advised.

Boxing Film Hit.

"The Prizefighter and the Lady" scores Knockout Hit of the year. You will never see anything like the fight between Max Baer (the Star of the film) and Primo Carnera, and the referee is no less a



Scene from "Olsen's Big Moment" the Fox production now showing at the King's Theatre.

Parents Sleep", a comedy with music, was one of the outstanding successes last year. Also included in their repertoire we are promised an Edgar Wallace's thriller "On the Spot", and "The Late Christopher Bean", which has been filmed with Marie Dressler in the role Edith Evans has so successfully portrayed on the London stage. Such a rare treat has not come this way for many a day—and in their all-too-short season here (they are booked for Shanghai) the King's should be packed.

Film of Facts.

"Ladies They Talk About" tells the life-story of Dorothy Mackaye, who was the woman in the case—when her husband was shot in a brawl—and Paul Kelly and she were sent to San Quentin. The film, is therefore, based on facts.

Barbara Stanwyck has a marvellous role, and is outstanding in this type. Preston Foster, Lillian Roth, Dorothy Burgess, and others contribute to the success of the drama.

King For a Night.

"King for a Night", follows, and Chester Morris turns in a really good performance as the Minister who becomes a prizefighter. He reaches the top of his profession thanks to the fact that his sister is the mistress of a well-known promoter. This is unknown to the man, and his sister (Helen Twelvrees)

person than the famous Jack Dempsey, W. S. van Dyke, the director, staged a thrilling battle.

The story is the familiar one about a conceited fighter whose success goes to his head. Max Baer is fascinating and certainly likeable. Myrna Loy captivates—Otto Kruger and Walter Huston also contribute brilliant portrayal as the gangster and trainer—respectively.

This fight picture is so outstanding that no other can be compared with it. Even if you are not a boxing "Fan" you will want to see the new star—Max Baer. Not to be missed (Queen's).

Amusing Jannings's Trifle. Emil Jannings returns to the screen in "The Merry Monarch".

The photography is glorious, and the girls are most attractive—but I regret to state the star has little chance to really act.

I must confess that it is an unusual type of entertainment. We find the hero, Ruler of a fantastic Arcadia, with a harem of 388 wives. Petite, pretty, little Hollywood actress, Sydney Fox, determines that she will not share her husband, and therein lies the plot. Eric Ashby and Dorothy Boyd are among others present. It is summed up as an amusing trifle. (Central).

Counsellor At Law. Joan Barrymore in "Counsellor At Law" is the sort of part in which she really

I can't quite understand why Paul Muni did not play the screen role when he made such a hit on Broadway in the name part. Doris Kenyon and Bebe Daniels help to make this a picture that will be remembered. Coming to the Alhambra.

Best Musical Comedy.

I think, unquestionably, that "Moonlight and Pretzels" is one of the best musical comedies we have had. It more than holds its own. Delightful music, and first-class acting with a human back-story. Roger Pryor, Mary Brian, Leo Carillo, and Lillian Miles certainly score. Followed by Clark Gable and Jean Harlow in "Hold your man," strong drama of the rough-house type, but grand acting. Then a film I liked, Robert Montgomery and Sally Eilers in "Made on Broadway." Really first-class shows which should please the patrons of the popular Oriental.

"Little Women"

R.K.O. announce that VERY SHORTLY we are to see THE sensation of sensations—"Little Women," starring Katharine Hepburn, but the WHOLE cast, and the ever-green story, so many of us loved when children—by Louisa Alcott, have helped to make this a picture that is unforgettable. Also the tremendously popular Wheeler and Woolsey in their latest "Hips Hips Hooray". Due at Kings.

Two Dramatic Hits.

I can personally recommend two intensely dramatic stories. "Storm at Daybreak", with glorious Kay Francis, Walter Huston and Nils Asther giving of their best. Then, Spencer Tracy, Ralph Morgan and Colleen Moore and Helen Vinson in the Narratage film "The Power and the Glory." Very unusual story, and Tracy is not a likeable character, but there is no denying the power of the whole thing—and he is magnificent. Strongly advised. Coming to the Star.

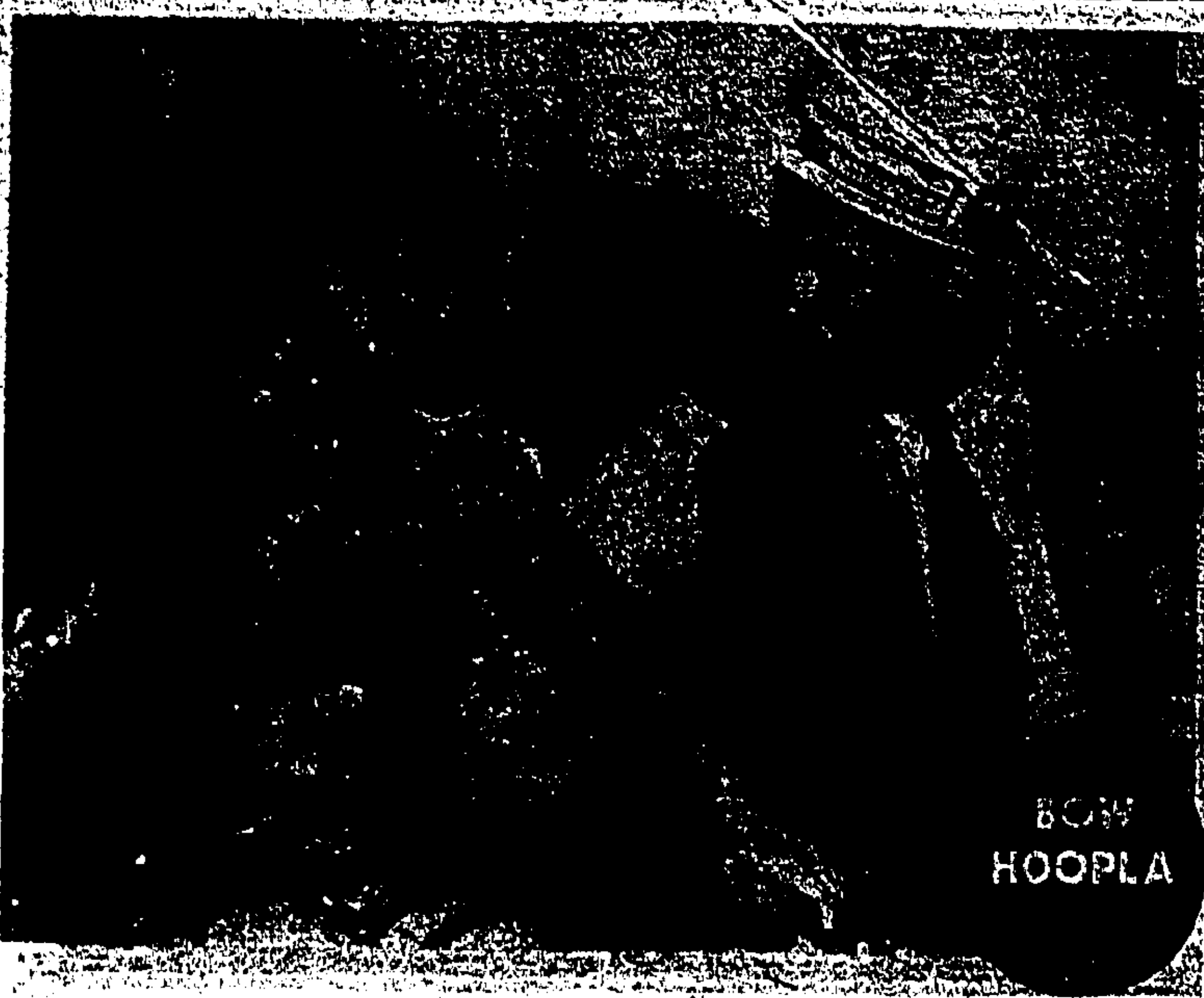
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Lee Tracy's Dismissal.

I am more glad than I can say that the film "Fans" in Great Britain, as well as the States are rooting for the return to the screen of the so-called "Bad-Boy" Lee Tracy. We still have no means of getting at the real truth—and it is the strong opinion of the critics that Tracy should never have been FIRED by M.G.M.

Instead of the advertised lecture this evening members and friends of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society will have the opportunity of hearing an address by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, of St. Andrews Church, Kowloon, who will shortly be leaving the Colony. The subject will be "Christ the Wisdom of God" and the meeting will be held at 17 Queen's Road, Central, commencing at 8 p.m.



Clara Bow the star of "Hoopla" which will be screened at the King's from March 21.

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out on piracy patrol. The British vessel then kept in communication with Hong Kong and reported that the Commander of the Fulton, Captain McHenry, had ordered the crew to abandon ship. At that time all the boats had not been picked up.

At midnight, however, news that the entire crew had been rescued and the Wishart returned to Hong Kong at 2 a.m. H.M.S. Wishart left Hong Kong at 10 p.m. and relieved the Wishart, standing by the Fulton.

Starts in Engine Room. The fire is reported to have commented in the engine room at 8.35 p.m. while the officers were at evening meal. An exhaust pipe blew out, igniting oil round the engine, the flames reaching the oil tank with explosion, scattering oil in all directions. Within a short

time the vessel was burning fiercely and sky rockets were fired. The Tainan first noticed these and communicated with H.M.S. Wishart.

So rapidly did the flames spread on the Fulton that the wireless apparatus was immediately despatched, and no messages could be despatched.

Only three casualties occurred, coxswain Head being badly gassed by fumes, Dalasang, a Filipino cook, is suffering from a broken leg, and Miss Schenck from a broken arm.

Leggus, one of the engine room crew, was overcome by the fumes, but was rescued before badly affected. Seaman Beah and Harris, and cook Schmitt, were slightly burnt.

Executive officers of the U.S.S. Fulton were: Commander H. D. McHenry, Lt. Cdr. Elmer Iverson, Lt. Walter Glin, Lt. Cdr. Dr. Philip C. T. Jones, Lt. Cdr. H. Chapman, Lt. R. E. Samson, Lt. G. H. McPhillips, Lt. Cdr. D. T. Hunter, Lt. J. W. Smith, and Lt. R. H. Smith.



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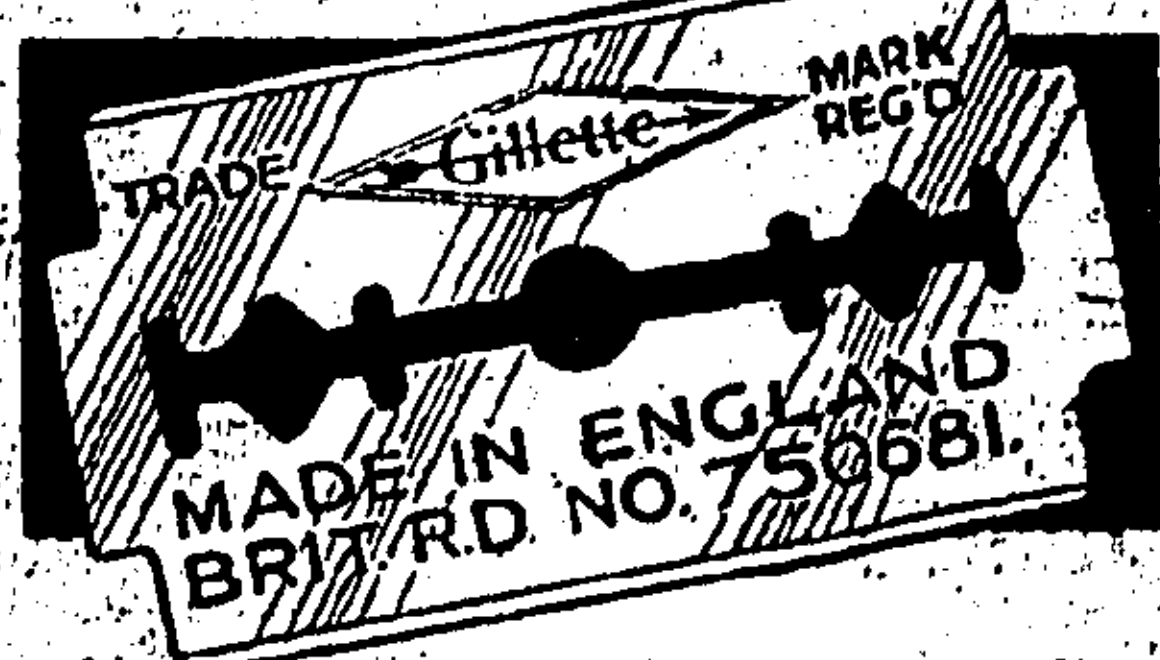
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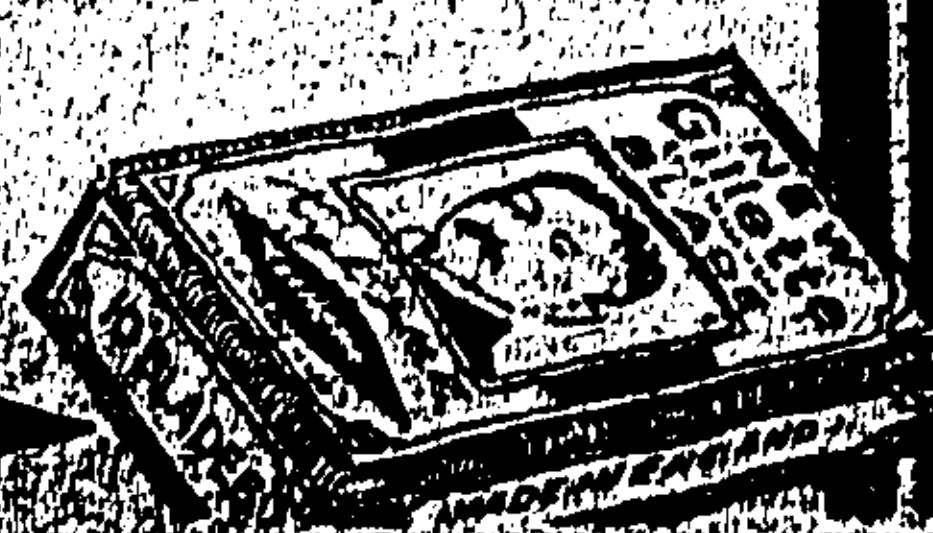
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Recruitment For Commerce.

The suggestion made by the Headmaster of Queen's College in his Annual Report that there should be set up under the auspices of the Education Department an employment for the recruiting of boys for positions in Government Departments and local firms deserves a better fate than burial in the bound volumes of official reports or newspapers. It is one of these seeds scattered by the wayside which if they fall on suitable soil will germinate and if carefully tended will in due season bring forth fruit. The question merits consideration. Many boys are being sent out annually from our schools, well-fitted to adapt themselves to occupations of various kinds only to find that the market for their labour is oversupplied. This is a bad state of affairs from every point of view. However, much may be said about education for culture, education for leisure—and we believe the case for these cannot be put too strongly—it must be realised that the parents first aim in giving children an education of a given kind is to fit them to earn a living. The modern cynic says that much of the schooling children are now getting merely unfits them to earn a living. If that be so the fault lies not with the school authorities and the teachers but with the parents themselves and with the leaders in commerce and industry. In these days educationalists know pretty well what they want; do parents and managers of firms know equally well what they want? If so, have they communicated that knowledge to those whose concern it is to provide the education? The question is exercising the best minds in all spheres of life in Britain. Avenues are being explored by which businesses and universities and schools can get together, air their views, and arrive at some common understanding. The time is ripe for some such step in Hong Kong. Times of economic depression are the most propitious for putting our affairs in order. Business is admittedly at a low ebb locally. It is a testing time for methods of organisation and recruitment of staff. What more convenient time for re-examining our local business methods and putting them on a secure, progressive basis? Let business heads and administrative heads

and education heads get together, state their respective cases and pool their resources. Each has something to contribute. Two heads are better than one and three than two. Here is an opportunity for public spirited endeavour. What is wanted is a body that will find out the nature of the demand in local firms as well as Government Department for recruits from our local schools. Chinese and European general commercial or technical. The demands of commerce and industry being shown, steps could then be taken to meet that demand. Reliance on *old custom, friend pitch* and so on leads merely to stagnation and subsequent decrepitude. New times demand a reorientation. No more fruitless advance could be made for the benefit of the Colony than the establishment of a body to realise this most important object.

Britain's Shipbuilding Supremacy.

We may now fairly assure ourselves that the recovery of the British shipbuilding industry is making steady progress. Improvement began early last year, but was slow. It has now so far advanced that the tonnage under construction, 331,541 tons, is 106,044 tons greater than the amount at the beginning of 1933. Now our shipyards are building 43.8 per cent. of the total under construction in the world. In January 1933 our share was only 29.4 per cent. This advance is a timely proof of the enterprise and efficiency of the industry, but there is a long way to go before the shipyards recover the prosperity which they enjoyed, not in the boom years, but in 1929, just before the depression began, when the tonnage under construction was 1,560,254. The proportion of the world's building we have recovered is, however, most encouraging. This is an achievement the more to be admired because the plight of shipping gave small inducement to shipowners to place orders. Courageous hope of improvement in trade could, however, justify the order of some new liners, and we may well be proud of the enterprise of those who thus determined on a forward policy before the clouds were lifting. Useful help has been given by orders for a large number of coastal craft and for trawlers. These orders have been stimulated by Government action in two directions, first, by a fiscal concession to the use of oil fuel in the coasting trade; secondly, by protection of the fisheries. When signs of better times have been anticipated, it remains clear that there can be no re-establishment of the supremacy of shipbuilding and shipbuilding is able to hold its own

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE**Sex War in Schools**

A protest has been published from the National Association of Schoolmasters against the employment of men teachers in mixed schools where the head is a woman. It is understood that similar protests have been made by the Schoolmistresses' Association against their members being required to work under a headmaster.

Education officials of the L.C.C. say that very few complaints from individual teachers are received under the present system of appointing men and women to be heads of mixed schools on merit. Actually out of about 1600 elementary schools in London only 330 are mixed. One-third of these have headmistresses.

Men Outnumbered

The Middlesex County Council control more co-educational schools than other county authority in England. They always appoint headmasters for mixed and boys' secondary schools and headmistresses for girls' secondary schools. In mixed elementary schools the proportion of women to men heads is one-third as in London.

In the whole of England women outnumber men as teachers in the elementary schools by three to one. In the secondary schools the sexes are evenly divided.

Your Daily Smile.**TOO BAD**

He came tearing along the quay-side at Southampton to catch the liner for America. There was a thick fog and no sign of a gang plank. But about three feet from the quay he saw, dimly, the great ship. Even then did not give in. He took a terrific leap, cleared the taffrail, and landed on the deck. "That was neat thing," he said; "I thought I'd missed her." "Wrong boat," said the purser. "We're just coming in."

A New Dodge

"Mummy," said little Joan pleadingly, "can I please have another piece of toffee?" "I've only just given you a piece," said mother. "What happened to it?"

"I've lost it," the child replied. "Where did you lose it?" mother inquired. "I just put it into my mouth and it went right down," Joan informed her.

Long Wait in Store

The talkative young man always aired his views on the slightest provocation.

"Take aviation," he said to a long-suffering acquaintance. "Look what wonderful progress it has made in the last twenty or so years. It's nothing short of amazing. Men can now do absolutely anything a bird can do."

"Is that so?" said the other wearily. "Well, when you see an airman fast asleep hanging on to a branch with one leg I'll come and look at him and I'll probably believe you."

EARNED

A Hollywood couple have been married six weeks and are still living together. Least we can do, it seems to me, is to send them the Dummov Fitch.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Diesel engine cars used by a German railway are controlled by men seated in the middle of the roof, giving them a view in all directions, while the passengers' view ahead is unobstructed.

The Austrian government has appropriated more than \$8,000,000 for resurfacing, straightening and otherwise improving the most important main highways in the country and construction of new ones.

An American Museum of Natural History scientist has demonstrated that bees are able to distinguish small intricate patterns in ultraviolet colours and most of the objects visible to human beings.

FRANCE'S MEN OF THE MOMENT**PROBABLE SUCCESSORS TO POWER****GASTON DOUMERGUE'S CAREER**

"More than any great European capital, Paris is the head and heart of its country," writes a special correspondent of the *London Evening Standard*.

The master of Berlin is not the master of Germany. When Garibaldi held Rome he held no other town in Italy, Moscow and Leningrad interchange, and the North might ignore the decision of London.

But throughout the history of France all quick decisions have been taken in Paris. I do not mean that they can override the provinces, whose slow, surly opinion, based on the possessive instinct for the land, cannot be ignored. But whenever the provinces don't care, Paris has her way.

On this occasion they may care or not; they have, apart from minor troubles in some half dozen towns, lain low. They will have their way if they wish. But if they are indifferent, feeling that the social continuity of the soil can ignore political change, then Paris will decide; and for this reason it would be wrong to dismiss the riots as Royalist fanaticism or Communist toughness. Perhaps the new Ministry will merely be another set of flashing false teeth in poor Marianne's face. But it might be a real change. Let us examine the probable successors to power in the immediate future and see whether any such real change is possible.

The man of the moment is Gaston Doumergue, who has rushed to Paris like any Cincinnatus deserting his farm *pro bono reipublica*. If significance can be attached to such a record he was the first Protestant and first bachelor to have been President of the Republic. He was a peasant's son of Aigues-Vives in Provence, who went to a Lycee at Nimes, became a barrister, a magistrate in Cochinchina and in Algeria, and then a politician.

Like all French politicians of any distinction, he wandered about from Ministry to Ministry—from 1902 to 1913. In that year M. Poincare asked him to form a Cabinet. He did so, but resigned in May 1914 on a point of principle.

From the outbreak of war till 1917 he was Minister for the Colonies, and after the war a member of the Senate.

The Radical Leader

As much as anyone can be in the maze of French politics he is leader of the Radicals and therefore, in combination with Blum, a man always on the verge of power. Neither of them is, perhaps, the man for this angry Paris crowd, especially Herriot, whom it hunted last night. In spite of their personal integrity they cannot escape blame for the sinister confusion of French politics in the post-war decade.

Herriot was over forty when he entered Parliament as deputy for Lyons. In 1924 he found himself at the head of a successful Radical-Socialist party, with which he formed the first "Cartel" Government.

His years of office (1924-1926) were the bad years for France that ended by Poincare throwing the lifebelt; but fat, black, hairy Herriot has always bobbed up again.

He survived 1926 to be Premier again in 1932 and left once more because he stood by the principle of paying war debts. For this Herriot will always be notable, even if unsuccessful.

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**SIRENS AVOIDED**

**OBJECTION RAISED BY
MR. SHELDON**

Referring to the addition made to the Harbour Office report by Mr. Brown, Mr. Sheldon said that a part of the incident was already made the deck log, and the genuine thought that it should be entered in the Harbour office form.

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The rescued were brought back to Hong Kong early this morning when Lieutenant G. J. Phelan, of the Fulton, gave full credit to the Commander of the Wishart, Commander Tod, for saving the lives of many of his crew. The manner in which the British destroyer approached the burning vessel, de-

A one-act play from Shakespeare will be presented at the Museum to inaugurate this afternoon festival, in which many members of the local amateur dramatic society are taking part. The play will be followed by a social order to follow. Parties will be given at the home of Mrs. J. C. Williams, 1014 E. 12th St., and at the home of Mrs. J. C. Williams, 1014 E. 12th St., and at the home of Mrs. J. C. Williams, 1014 E. 12th St.

Order To Abandon Ship
First news of the disaster was received in Hong Kong by wireless from H.M.S. Wishart, which was
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men wrecks; if the comparison be used here it is the specific one of a derelict come to grief through fire. Even yet some flickering combustion illuminated the drifting hulk. His face and hands had been recently washed—a rite insisted upon by Phillips as a memorial to the slaughtered conventions.

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On April 18, at 5.30 p.m. in the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, and under the auspices of the Right Reverend Father Braga, Superior of the Salesian Fathers in China, will held a lecture in Italian on "The life and work of the missionaries in China."

Invitations will be sent in due course by the Italian Consul General, but all those who are interested in the Italian language, as well as the missionary movement in China, may obtain a ticket at the Office of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Chan Mut-kwal, alias Chan Shuei-ying, a 20-year-old Chinese girl, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for loitering with intent to commit a felony in Des Voeux Road, by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Serious Offence With Rakken Prevalent

The National Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, Mr. Geoffrey Hender, said that Mr. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine, alleged that the merger was a gross violation of the rights of Oceanic Company stockholders and therefore would withhold his consent.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was unable to confirm the statement that an injunction was granted. It would never be granted if it would render useless the work done by Parliament in connection with the Bill.

The right honorable gentleman said that the Government were not prepared to make any statement regarding the proposed merger.



FOOD AND HOME ECONOMICS



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No home maker needs to be without home-made jams, jellies, preserves and relishes, whether he has for some reason failed to stock her storeroom with these delicacies, or the store on hand has been depleted.

Canned fruits properly blended and cooked with extra sugar make preserves which are quite as good as those made from fresh fruit, and they may be made in either small or large quantities at any time during the year. The following recipes will suggest many other combinations which keep the pantry well stocked throughout the entire year.

Apricot And Pineapple Preserves

Mix together
1 can apricots cut in small pieces
1 can grated pineapple, and
3 cups of sugar. Boil slowly for about forty minutes. Place in jars and cover with par. in or use at once.

Tomato Relish

1 No. 2 can tomatoes.
2 grated onions
3 grated apples
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon allspice
¼ cup vinegar
1½ cups sugar. Boil until thick (about 80 minutes).

Raspberry Jam

1 can red or black raspberries.
Add
2 cups of sugar. Boil one-half hour.

Peach Conserve

1 can peaches cut in small pieces
1 cup washed, ground, seedless raisins
1 orange, juice and grated rind
1 lemon, juice, and
8 cups sugar. Boil slowly about forty minutes. Seal while hot.

Left-Overs Made Into Good Wheat Macaroons

Whole wheat macaroons are delicious small cakes that may be made from stale whole wheat bread. There are so often slices that become dry in the bread box. Here is a splendid way to utilize a left over:

Whole Wheat Macaroons

1 egg
½ cup sugar
1 cup dry whole wheat bread crumbs
½ teaspoon vanilla
Beat egg thoroughly, add sugar and beat well. Add vanilla and crumbs. When thoroughly mixed on a greased baking sheet, flatten the balls with a spoon or fork. Bake in a moderate oven 15 to 20 minutes.

STRAWBERRY AND PINEAPPLE SALAD

Chopped Mint Gives
Last Touch.

1 small fresh pineapple
1½ cups strawberries
1 tablespoon chopped mint leaves
Peel pineapple and remove eyes. Cut in slices and then in cubes. Chill. Wash, hull and chill the strawberries. Combine the fruit and arrange on crisp lettuce leaves or chicory. Sprinkle with the mint and serve with fruit salad dressing. Canned pineapple may be used in this recipe. The mint is a masterly touch.

Cheese Sandwich Spread.

Scraps of cream cheese may be made into a sandwich spread by mixing them with butter and milk or a little cream.

This can be spread on thin, water-like crackers, made into sandwiches, and served with salad.

NEW RECIPE GOES TOGETHER IN A MINUTE

Ham And Eggs Dish
Ascends To Top When
Well Combined.

The general tendency in modern cooking seems to be toward greater simplification of both the ingredients of a recipe and the manner in which it is prepared. This is as it should be, in homes where the time allotted for meal preparation must necessarily be limited. On the other hand, many women who enjoy the art of cooking, are in a position literally to spend hours of creative endeavour in their kitchens. Such recipes as the ones given to-day cannot be put together in a jiffy—but oh, the pleasing results to be obtained.

Everyday ham and eggs can ascend to stately heights when artfully combined with aspic—the result being a perfect first course for a smart luncheon.

Eggs Bouches Coquette

Aspic for this dish is made by simply heating a can of consommé, to which has been added one teaspoon of tarragon vinegar and one teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce, to the boiling point. Then one tablespoon of softened gelatine is thoroughly dissolved in the hot soup.

Into individual umbrae molds pour one tablespoon of aspic. Then arrange a small thin slice of ham that has been cut to fit the mold. While the aspic is becoming firm place a sufficient number of eggs in a saucepan of cold water and allow to cook only eight minutes—this includes time water is coming to a boil. Remove from fire and let cool in the water. Then remove shells carefully as eggs are not hard cooked. Place an egg on top of each slice of ham and aspic and cover with remaining aspic that has been kept warm. Garnish with sprigs of watercress and dots of pimiento.

The sauce for this dish is very fine. Chop fine one tablespoon watercress, one tablespoon green celery leaves, one tablespoon parsley and one teaspoon chives. Also one small minced. Mix all well together with one tablespoon prepared mustard, one-fourth teaspoon pepper and three-quarters of a teaspoon salt.

In a separate bowl mash two hard cooked egg yolks and gradually add three-quarters of a cup of salad oil and one tablespoon malt vinegar. Mix greens well with this mixture and serve in a separate dish.

If the family relishes mushrooms you will do well to make this dish:

Mushroom Souffle

Make a cream sauce, using one cup of the liquid the mushrooms were boiled in and a little cream. When this mixture cools add to three well beaten egg yolks, then add one cup of chopped mushrooms. Beat the egg whites until stiff, fold into mixture and pour in well buttered baking dish. Bake in a slow oven, about 325 degrees for 40 minutes. Be sure to stand the dish in a pan of hot water.

Apple And Date Salad.

4 cups tart apples (cut in pieces)
1 tablespoon sugar
1½ tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup dates, cut in pieces.
½ teaspoon salt.

Mix apples, dates, lemon juice, salt and sugar. Moisten with mayonnaise and mix thoroughly. Chill. Serve on shredded lettuce and garnish with extra mayonnaise and whole pecan nuts.

TO FLAVOUR FRENCH DRESSING

To flavour French dressing, take the smallest piece of garlic possible, thread a needle, run it through the garlic and let it hang for 10 minutes in the bottle. The garlic dressing then put it out by the thread.

When getting ready to use a jar of dressing, take out the piece of garlic and throw it away.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN
Fried Pork Sausages
Mashed Potatoes
Beef a la Vindigrette
Celery, Lettuce and Egg Salad
Alexandra Pudding

DINNER
French Vegetable Soup
Boudinette
Mixed Grill
Pheasant Creams
Tomato Salad
Canary Sponge
Lemon Custard Sauce

Beef a la Vindigrette
1½ to 2 lb. of cold boiled beef, salt, pepper, ¼ oz. of gelatine, salad, 1 glass of white wine, 3 cloves, 1 tablespoonful of vinegar, ½ pint of water, 1 bunch of herbs, 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley. Beetroot. Cut a slice about 3 inches thick right across a round of boiled beef, remove all the fat possible and cut the beef into neat fillets. Put the water, wine, herbs, cloves, salt and pepper into a pan, and add the fillets of beef, and simmer without the lid on the pan very gently until the liquor is reduced to about 1 gill. Remove the meat, press it between 2 dishes until cold. Melt the gelatine in the liquor, add the vinegar and strain. Add the chopped parsley and season to taste. Leave until cold but not set. When nearly setting, pour this gently with a spoon over the fillets of beef, coating them completely. When set arrange fillets neatly on lettuce and decorate.

Alexandra Pudding

3 eggs, 3 oz. sugar, 3 oz. bread-crumbs, ½ a lemon, a teaspoonful of milk, a little jam, puff paste. Line a pie-dish with puff paste, and cover the bottom with jam. Mix the bread-crumbs, sugar, juice of the lemon, and the rind (grated) with the milk and the eggs well beaten. Beat all thoroughly together, pour it into the dish, over the jam, and bake it for ½ an hour.

Boudinette

Take ½ a pound of any kind of fish, free from bone. Mince very fine, and mix it with a quarter of a pound of mashed potatoes, add a little sauce, anchovy, chopped parsley and a little melted butter. Otherwise a tablespoon of carnation cream would serve the purpose. Bind the mixture with the yolks of 1 or 2 eggs. Make into cakes and dip into the white of the eggs and brown breadcrumbs. Fry and serve on pieces of fried bread.

Pheasant Creams

1 lb. cooked pheasant, 1 gill of cream, cucumber, skin, grated nutmeg, ¼ pint of Veloute sauce, chillies, ½ oz. of gelatine, ½ pint of aspic, salt, pepper. Rinse some small mould with cold water, then put a little aspic jelly at the bottom of each and let it set. Decorate with fancy shapes cut from cucumber and chillie skins and pour a spoonful of liquid aspic over the decorations and let this set. Free the pheasant from skin, bone and sinews and weight. Put it through a mincer and pound until smooth. Melt the gelatine in 2 tablespoonful of water and strain it into the sauce, warm up, mix with the pounded meat, season with salt and pepper and a pinch of grated nutmeg, and rub through a hair sieve. When cool, whip the cream and stir it lightly to the puree and when cold fill the moulds with this mixture and put them on ice to set. Turn out carefully and dish in a circle on a silver dish. Decorate with chopped apple and serve.

French Vegetable Soup

Melt 2 oz. of butter in a saucepan. Cut up into small pieces: 4 large potatoes, 3 small onions, 2 small turnips, 1 carrot and 1 stick of celery. Let all cook in the butter for a few minutes. Then add 8 pints of white stock and let the soup boil slowly until the vegetables are quite soft. Strain through a sieve and rub the vegetables through. Return all to the saucepan, and add 1 oz. of minute tapioca, stir while the soup boils or it will be lumpy. Then add

APPLE HINT

Apples will keep much longer if they are stored in a cool, dry place.

aside for 10 minutes until the tapioca is cooked stirring now and again. Just before serving add some very finely-chopped parsley and seasoning to taste.

Canary Soup

Take 1½ cupfuls of sugar, and add the grated rind and juice of ½ lemon, ¼ teaspoon of salt, ½ cupful of cold water. Beat the yolks of 8 eggs until lemon colour and add to the mixture, then 2 cupfuls of flour to which has been added 1 teaspoonful of baking powder. Whip the whites of the eggs stiffly, and add carefully at the last minute. Steam for ¾ of an hour and serve with lemon custard sauce.



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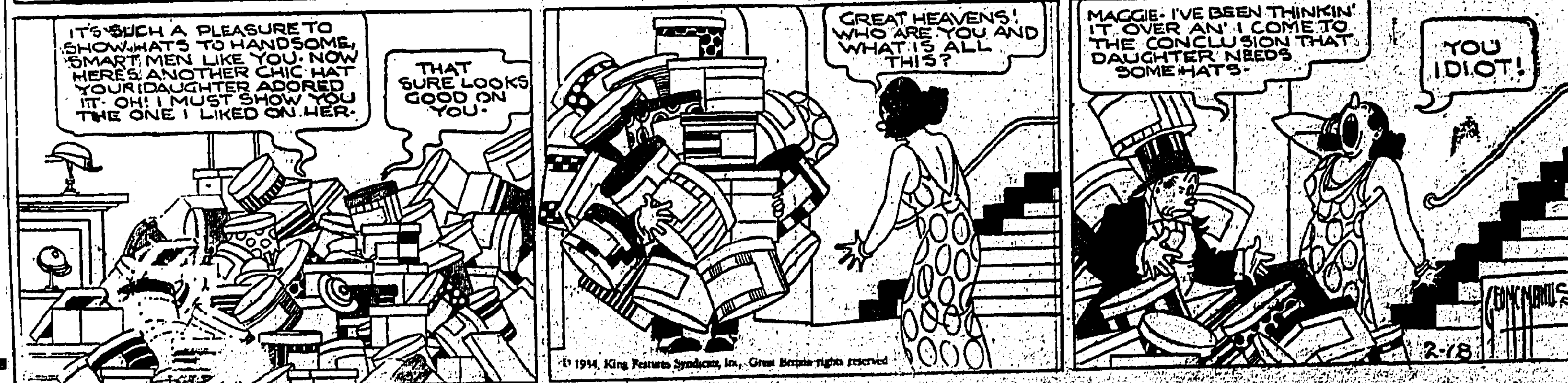
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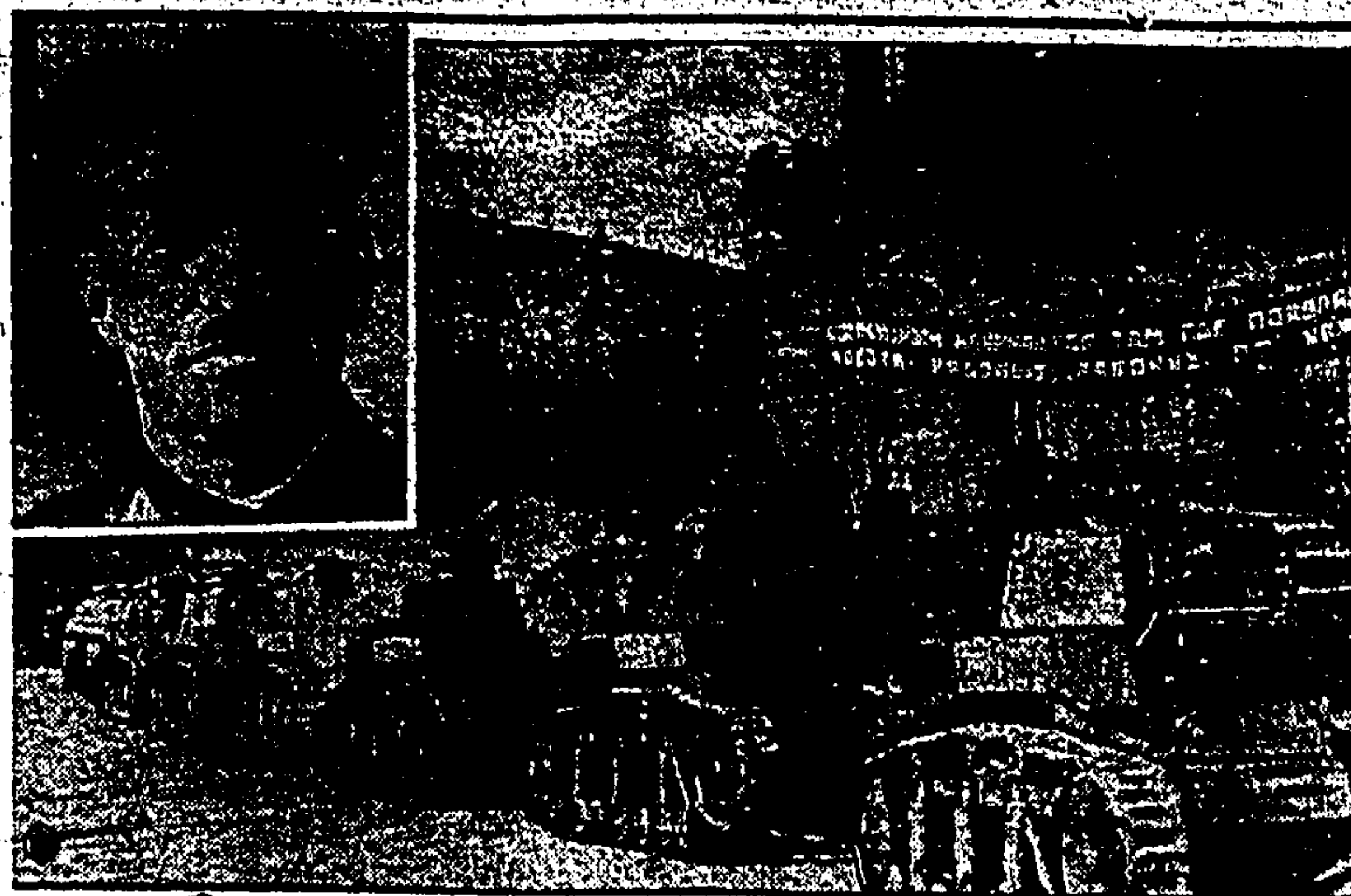
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Soviet Prepared for Japanese Threat



Charging that Japan is "feverishly preparing for war," General Vassily Blücher (inset), commander-in-chief of the Soviet Armies in the Far East, recently told the Communist Congress in Moscow that in the event of Japan attacking Russia, she will find herself facing a ring of steel that surrounds the Soviets. Above is a parade of up-to-the-minute Russian tanks during the recent Moscow review.

A Madison Square Arabian Night

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story with a loaded meal pointed at my head twenty times. Catch anybody in New York giving you something for nothing? They spell curiosity and charity with the same set of building blocks. Lots of 'em will stake you to a dime and chop-suey; and a few of 'em will play Caliph to the tune of a top sirloin; but every one of 'em will stand over you till they screw your autograph out of you with footnotes, appendix, and unpublished fragments.

"Oh, I know what to do when I see victuals coming towards me in little old Bagdad-on-the-Subway. I strike the asphalt three times with my forehead and get ready to spiel yarns for my supper. I claim descent from the late Tommy Tucker, who was forced to hand out vocal harmony for his predigested wheaterina and spoonju."

"I do not ask your story," said Chalmers. "I tell you frankly that it was a sudden whim that prompted me to send for some stranger to dine with me. I assure you you will not suffer through any curiosity of mine."

"Oh, fudge!" exclaimed the guest, enthusiastically tackling his soup; "I don't mind it a bit. I'm a regular Oriental magazine with a red cover and the leaves cut when the Caliph walks abroad. In fact, we fellows in the bed-line have a sort of union rate for things of this sort. Somebody's always stopping and wanting to know what brought us down so low in the world. For a sandwich and a glass of beer I tell 'em that drink did it. For corned beef and cabbage and a cup of coffee I give 'em the hard-hearted-landlord—six-months-in-the-hospital—lost-job story. A sirloin steak and a quarter for a bed gets the Wall Street tragedy of the swept-away fortune and the gradual descent. This is the first spread of this kind I've stumbled against. I haven't got a story to fit it. I'll tell you what, Mr. Chalmers, I'm going to tell you the truth for this, if you'll listen to it. I'll be harder for you to believe than the made-up ones."

An hour later the Arabian guest lay back with a sigh of satisfaction while Phillips brought the coffee and cigars and cleared the table.

"Did you ever hear of Sherrard Plumer?" he asked, with a strange smile.

"I remember the name," said Chalmers. "He was a painter, I think, of a good deal of prominence a few years ago."

"Five years," said the guest. "When I went down like a chunk of lead, I'm Sherrard Plumer! I sold the last portrait I painted for 2000 dollars. After that I couldn't have found a sitter for a gratis picture."

"What was the trouble?" Chalmers could not resist asking.

"Funny thing," answered Plumer grimly. "Never quite understood it myself. For a while I swam like a cork. I broke into the swell crowd and got commissions, right and left. The newspapers called me a fashionable painter. The funny thing began to happen when my pictures started to appear in the papers. People would come to see my pictures and look at them and say another

"I soon found out what the trouble was. I had a knack of bringing out in the face of a portrait the hidden character of the original. I don't know how I did it—I painted what I saw—but I know it did me. Some of my sitters were tearfully enraged and refused their pictures. I painted the portrait of a very beautiful and popular society dame. When it was finished her husband looked at it with a peculiar expression of his face, and the next week he sued for divorce."

"I remember one case of a prominent banker who sat to me. While I had his portrait on exhibition in my studio an acquaintance of his came in to look at it. 'Bless me,' says he, 'does he really look like that?' I told him it was considered a faithful likeness."

"I never noticed that expression about his eyes before," said he; 'I think I'll drop down-town and change my bank account.' He did drop down, but the bank account was gone and so was Mr. Banker."

"It wasn't long till they put me out of business. People don't want their secret meannesses shown up in a picture. They can smile and twist their own faces and deceive you, but the picture can't. I couldn't get an order for another picture, and I had to give up. I worked as a newspaper artist for a while, and then for a lithographer, but my work with them got me into the same trouble. If I drew from a photograph my drawing showed up characteristics and expressions that you couldn't find in the photo, but I guess they were in the original all right. The customers raised lively rows, especially the women, and I never could hold a job long. So I began to rest my weary head upon the breast of Old Booze for comfort. And pretty soon I was in the free-bed line and doing oral fiction for handouts among the food-bazaars. Does the truthful statement weary thee, O Caliph? I can turn on the Wall Street disaster story if you prefer, but that requires a tear, and I'm afraid I can't hustle one up after that good dinner."

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Three U.S. Gunboats And One French

The following warships are in port to-day, and are berthed as follows:

Basin—H. M. S. Tamar.
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BRITISH SHIPPING PLIGHT

Enormous Losses On Operation.

MAGNATE'S PESSIMISM

Johannesburg (Transvaal). "The British shipping industry is in a desperately bad way. The combined effects of trade stagnation, low freights and subsidised foreign competition have hit it very hard, and, despite the slight economic betterment, the future is full of uncertainty."

It was on this cheerless note that one of Britain's well-known shipping leaders, Mr. Fred Bedford, summed up the serious plight of the industry.

Mr. Bedford is the general manager of Cayzer, Irvine and Co., Ltd., managing director of the Clan Line of Steamers, Ltd., and of the Houston Line (London), Ltd., and a director of many other well-known steamship groups.

"Many shipping lines in Britain," he said, "have been operating at enormous losses. Some of them have been unable to stand up to it, and others are on the verge of giving up the unequal struggle."

Trade Captured. "Our rivals, with the aid of subsidies from their Governments, have captured our trade, and we have been compelled to carry on our services with limited freights that cannot possibly play. Low freight rates have also affected British shipping very severely, but, in the present circumstances, they are unavoidable."

Subsidised shipping, Mr. Bedford added, was something against which British shippers had always set their face. "It is not economically a sound practice," he said, "but in view of what other countries are doing, it may be that the only salvation for British shipping will have to be found by means of subsidies. The position, it seems to me, is analogous to that of the free trade ideal, which Britain, in spite of her traditions, was forced to abandon in the face of compelling foreign precedents. No one would welcome subsidised shipping, but as things are, shaping at the moment it may become our only hope."—Reuter.

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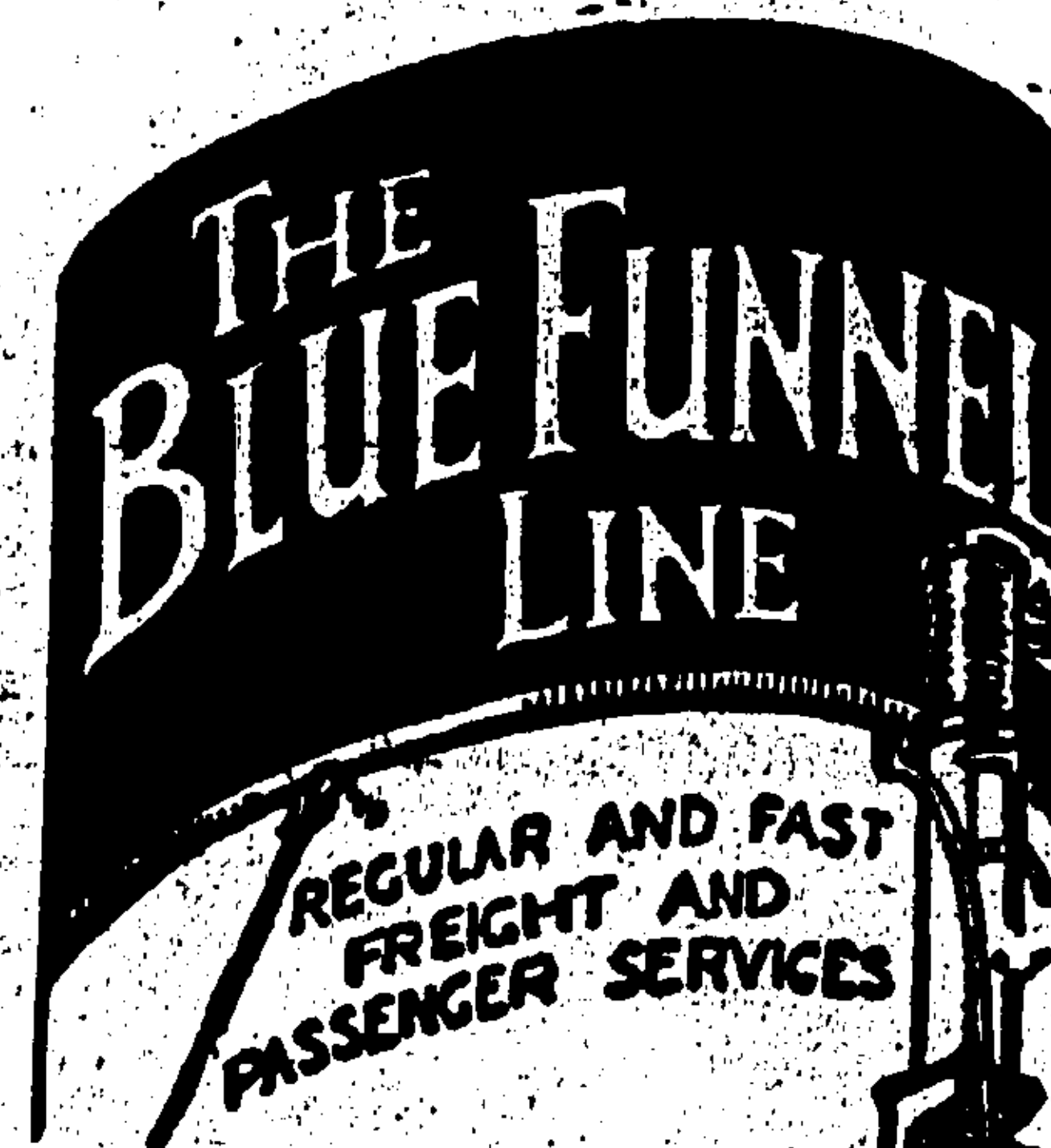
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*NELLORE	7,000	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NALDERA	16,000	5th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moll, Kobe & Osaka.
*SIRDHANA	8,000	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,000	12th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*CORFU	15,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MANTUN	11,000	3rd May	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TANDA	7,000	3rd May	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,100	17th May	S'hai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	17th May	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BEHAR	6,100	30th May	Shanghai, Moll, Kobe & Yokohama.
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BRITISH SILVER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Effect Of Withdrawal
From Currency.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

Cape Town.
Full particulars of the position caused by the withdrawal of British silver from currency in the Union are given in the annual report of the Auditor-General.

The total value of silver coin which was withdrawn and received at the Pretoria branch of the Royal Mint up to March 31, is stated to be £1,436,797. The cost of withdrawal charged during the year to the Mint Silver Bullion Account amounted to £16,037, of which £7,251 was paid to the commercial banks as commission.

For all British coin delivered to the Mint an equivalent amount of Union silver coin will be issued to the banks with the exception of £500,000, the amount agreed upon between the Treasury and the banks as being surplus to the requirements of the country.

Redemption of British Coin.
This amount has been withdrawn from circulation, and the face value has been refunded to the banks and charged against a special provision on the loan estimates in the proportion of £190,000 to the South African Reserve Bank, £190,000 to Barclays Bank, and £120,000 to the Standard Bank.

The British Government has agreed to redeem the whole of the British silver coin, without distinction between various finenesses. For a period of three years the amount to be redeemed is not to exceed £100,000 a year face value.

After three years the question of expediting the rate of redemption will be examined. No arrangement has yet been made with the British Government regarding any portion of British silver coin not repatriated but used for re-minting into Union silver coin.

Apart from the melting of coin in 1932-33 of a face value of £100,000, a further amount to a face value of £475,988 had been re-minted during the year.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S MEN OF THE MOMENT

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In the sound and fury of yesterday, before Doumergue came to the rescue, Herriot and Blum were whispered, but not so loudly as Tardieu. In many ways Tardieu looks like the man, but I do not think he has earned the love of the people by being the great opportunist, and the U.S.A. fan of politics, who says "Sure" instead of "Yes," and makes large statements to the effect that he has no wife or children because his life is dedicated to France.

But you have to throw down this sort of copper coinage on the political counter, and Tardieu has the advantage of the label "brilliant." He was a journalist before the war, a soldier for part of it, and Clemenceau's lieutenant at Versailles. He is a Parisian, and has been Prime Minister twice. His last Ministry fell in 1932, and since that date he has been dormant; but he went to Italy in 1933 and came back bursting with admiration for the Mussolini regime. He may be no dictator, but he has no respect for democratic machinery unless it fulfils its purpose.

Marshal Foch's Advice

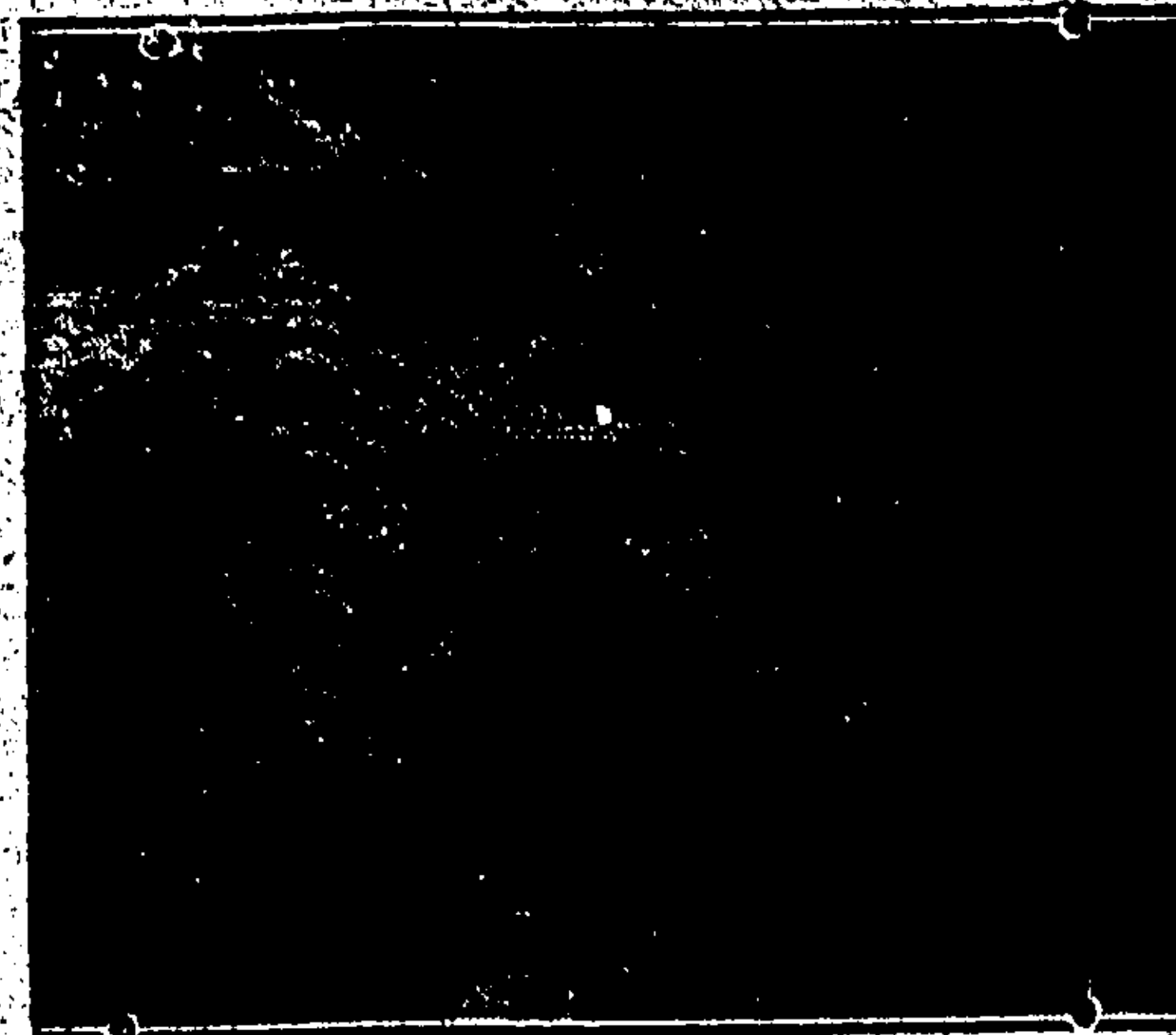
Among the other ex-Premiers who are expected to squash themselves into power are Laval, associate in the news with Tardieu, and Barthou, an old associate of Poincaré's as Minister of Justice and a pre-war Prime Minister. When last in office he was considered excellently sound and safe.

Daladier, Chaumonte, Sarraut, Paul-Boncour, Poincaré, Steeg, Millerand, and Maréchal would also support Doumergue if needed. But Daladier and Chaumonte can hardly be the star men of reconstruction.

There are also Galloux, who was Prime Minister in the Araft trials of 1911, and Franklin who was the hero of a most official "unofficial" visit to this country in 1931. There remains the Commander-in-Chief of the French Army.

Foch said of his deceased ally, "He was a dry and forceful character who made himself felt in every direction." Foch said of his deceased ally, "He was a dry and forceful character who made himself felt in every direction."

President Taft Hits Whale.



San Francisco. . . With a terrific impact, the Dollar liner, President Taft, bound for New York from San Francisco, struck a giant whale about 1,027 miles north-west of Balboa. The whale can be seen on the surface at the bow of the liner a moment after the collision. The liner's wireless operator messaged: "I thought we hit a rock. The boat trembled violently, and the passengers all ran out on deck." The whale appeared stunned after the shock and remained on the surface, forcing the President Taft to reverse and detour around it.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL

Official Programme
For To-morrow

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The official programme for St. Patrick's Ball, which takes place to-morrow evening at the Peninsula Hotel, commences at 9.20 p.m., when the President, Vice-Presidents, and Past President will assemble at the main entrance of the Peninsula Hotel to receive H.E. The Governor's party who will arrive at 9.30 p.m. At 9.30 p.m. the Reception Committee will assemble all other official guests at the dais in the Ball Room, and at 9.40 H.E. The Governor and party will be piped into the Ball Room. Miss Elsie Lane will then present sprigs of shamrock.

The Official Guests will be, H.E. The Governor and Lady Peel, H.E. Major General O. C. Borrett and Mrs. Borrett, His Lordship the Chief Justice Mr. Justice MacGregor and Mrs. MacGregor, Mr. M. J. Quist, Commodore F. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott, The Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn and Lady Southorn, Professor F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Moore, The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Alabaster, The Hon. Mr. E. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Sir William Shenton and Miss Y. Shenton, the Hon. Sir William Horrell, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Lady Thomson, Mrs. Hosford, Mrs. Scott Harston, Mr. B. H. C. Hallows and Mr. F. P. R. James.

Dance Music

The dance programme will commence at 9.30 with the well known song-hit Shuffle off to Buffalo, followed by Sweetheart Darling, I'm Not Heavily, Erjanna, Wearin' of the Green, Horapops, Gypsy Fiddles, Ellen Aynah, Three Wishes, Thanks, The Mountains of Mourne, The Day you came Along, Forty Second Street, Father O'Donnell, Jig, Did You Ever See A Dream Walking, I'm Young and Healthy, Slieve Donard, and closes with the National Anthem.

A special programme of music has been arranged during the buffet supper, which will be served from 11.15 p.m. to 12.45 a.m. The items, being: Brian Boru, Sheamus O'Brien, Killarney, Lily, of Killarney, Londonderry Air, Song of My Heart, The Shamrock O'Donnell, Abi, Irish Reel Medley and Hills of Donegal.

Special ferries will be run at 11.15 a.m., 1.45, 2.10, and 2.30 a.m., while the Peak train will run at frequent intervals.

A MADISON SQUARE ARABIAN NIGHT

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"No, no," said Chalmers, earnestly, "you interest me very much. Did all your portraits reveal some unpleasant trait, or were there some that did not suffer from the ordeal of your peculiar brush?"

"Some? Yes," said Plumer. "Children generally, a good many women and a sufficient number of men. All people aren't bad, you know. When they were all right the pictures were all right. As I said, I don't explain it, but I'm telling you facts."

On Chalmers's writing-table lay the photograph that he had received that day in the foreign mail. Ten minutes later he had Plumer at work making a sketch from it in pastels. At the end of an hour the artist rose and stretched wearily.

"It's done," he yawned. "You'll excuse me for being so long. I got interested in the job. Lord! but I'm tired. No bed last night, you know. Guess I'll have to be good-night now, O Commander of the Faithful!"

Chalmers went as far as the door with him and slipped some bills into his hand.

"Oh! I'll take 'em," said Plumer. "All that's included in the fall. Thanks. And for the very good dinner. I shall sleep on feathers to-night and dream of Bagdad. I hope it won't turn out to be a dream in the morning. Farewell, most excellent Caliph!"

Again Chalmers paced restlessly upon his rug. But his best lay as far from the table whereon lay the pastel sketch as the room would permit. Twice, thrice, he tried to approach it, but failed. He could see the dun and gold and brown of the colours, but there was a wall about it built by his fears that kept him at a distance. He sat down and tried to calm himself. He sprang up and rang for Phillips.

"There is a young artist in this building," he said, "—a Mr. Reineman—do you know which is his apartment?"

"Top floor, front, sir," said Phillips.

"Go up and ask him to favour me with his presence here for a few minutes."

Reineman came at once. Chalmers introduced himself.

"Mr. Reineman," said he, "there is a little pastel sketch on yonder table. I would be glad if you will give me your opinion of it as to its artistic merits and as a picture."

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the fugitives at 30 miles an hour called on them to stop. They refused and shot past. The police car gathered speed and passed the fugitives a second time at 65 miles an hour and then halved the road to block their progress. The fugitives again shot past, nearly colliding with the police car.

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Editor's Request Before
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INTRICATE LAW QUESTIONS.

London, To-day.

Dealing with the events leading up to Mr. Lennox Simpson's transfer from Harbin to Dairen, last year, following the clash between the "Harbin Times," of which Mr. Simpson was Editor, and the Manchukuo authorities, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons, yesterday, stated that in response to Mr. Simpson's request, the Government were examining his claims.

They were in consultation with the Legation in the Far East. Intricate questions of law were involved, but the examination was now almost completed.—Reuter.

"BLUESHIRTS" BAN

New Measure Passed
In Irish Dail.

Dublin, To-day.

The Irish Free State Dail has passed, by 77 votes to 61, the "Blueshirt" Bill, entitled "An Act to restrict the wearing or carrying of uniforms or badges and banners and other such articles."—Reuter.

**BRITAIN'S
DEFENCE
SYSTEM**

Service Co-Ordination
A Failure.

LORD LONDONDERRY'S SPEECH

London, To-day.

Lord Londonderry, the British Secretary for Air, replying for the Government in the House of Lords debate on co-ordinating the three fighting services under the Ministry of Defence, said that the plan of control by a single Secretary of State of two Departments, with deputy in one, was recognised as a failure and was dropped in 1921.

A single Minister in peacetime would have such multifarious duties and responsibilities that it would be quite impossible for one man to deal with all the activities involved.

There was a definite limit to wise rationalisation, and that limit would, in his judgment, be passed by any attempt to set up a single Ministry of Defence. In time of a war, effective control of the three services would, at a very early stage, pass beyond the capacity of any single Minister.

The appointment of a Minister super-imposed on the existing organisation, would weaken the authority of the Ministers at the head

**DEFEAT FOR U.S.
ADMINISTRATION.**

House Resolution On
Appropriation Bill.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives has defeated a resolution to send the independent offices of the Appropriation Bill to Conference, thereby defeating the Administration, which had hoped that the conference would compromise the Senate amendment, eliminating most of the reductions in the veterans' compensation and the restoration of the Government salary cuts.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

of the Service Department. After outlining the present organization and the co-ordination work of the Committee of Imperial Defence, Lord Londonderry said that the present system was well suited to the British constitution, and ensured that the whole situation was continuously achieving one of the essential purposes of any defensive system, namely, the proper co-ordination of the activities of all the Departments concerned.—British Wireless Service.

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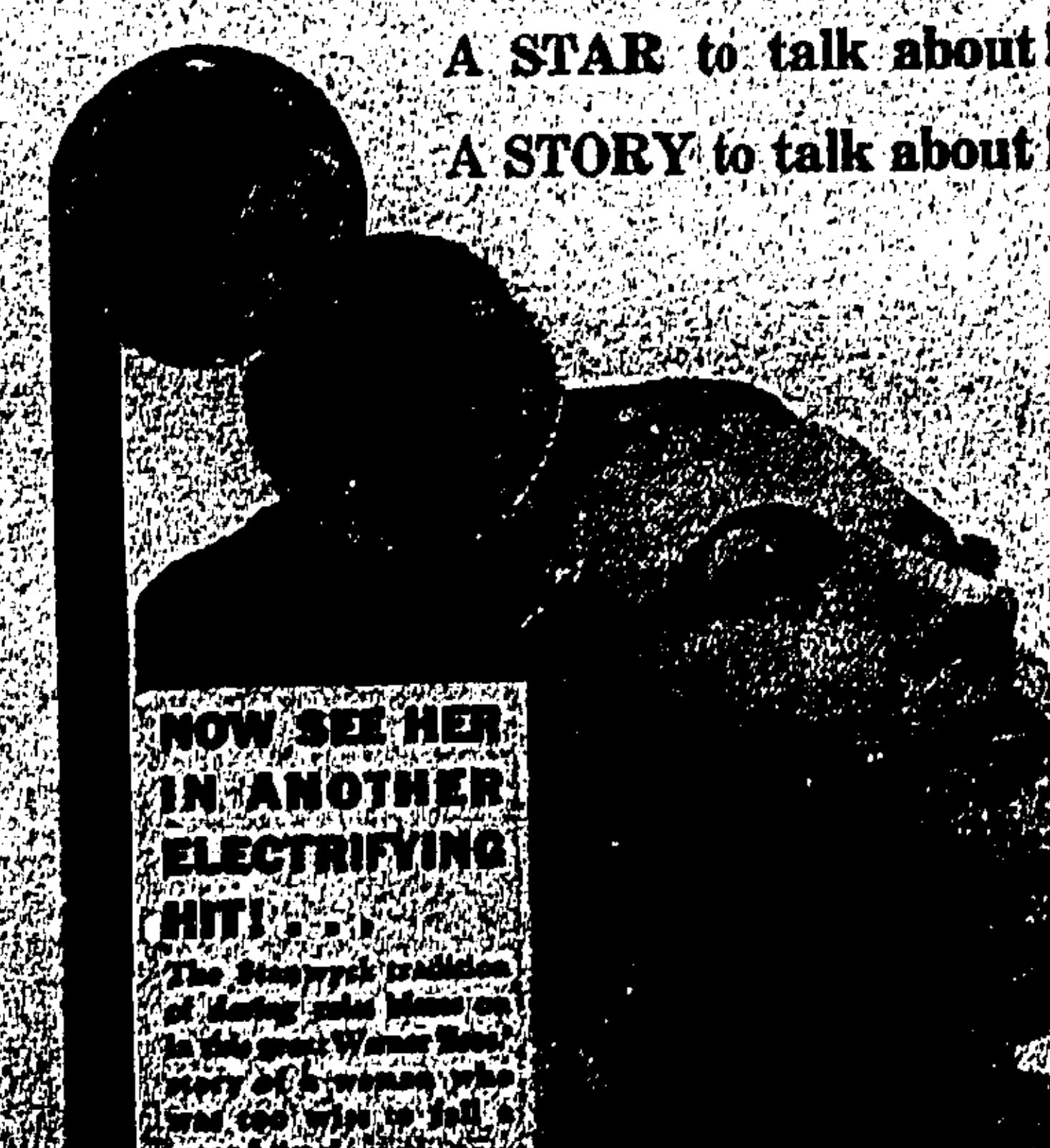
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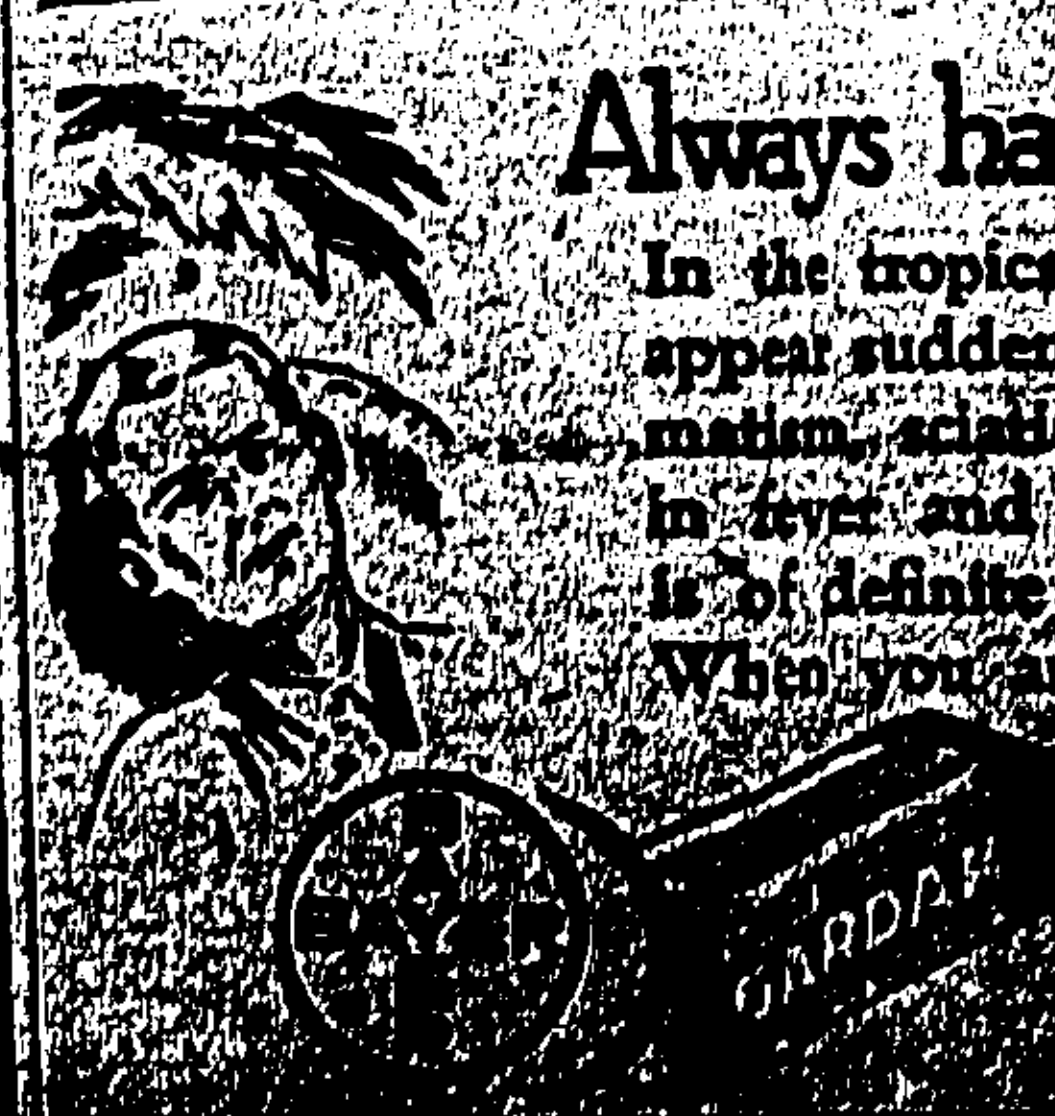


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